

Work is Possible!

Employment for people with significant disabilities is happening now.

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The *Olmstead* Decision

“Confinement in an institution severely diminishes the everyday life activities of individuals, including family relations, social contacts, work options, economic independence, educational advancement, and cultural enrichment.” *Olmstead v. L.C.*

The Minnesota Employment First Policy

*“Making Employment the
first and expected outcome
for people with disabilities.”*



The Future is Bright

- Compelling research tells us “A Working Life” is possible for people with significant disabilities
- Unfounded misinformation and half-truths hold us back
- High expectations are the key

Techniques

- Supported Employment
- Customized Employment
- Discovering Personal Genius

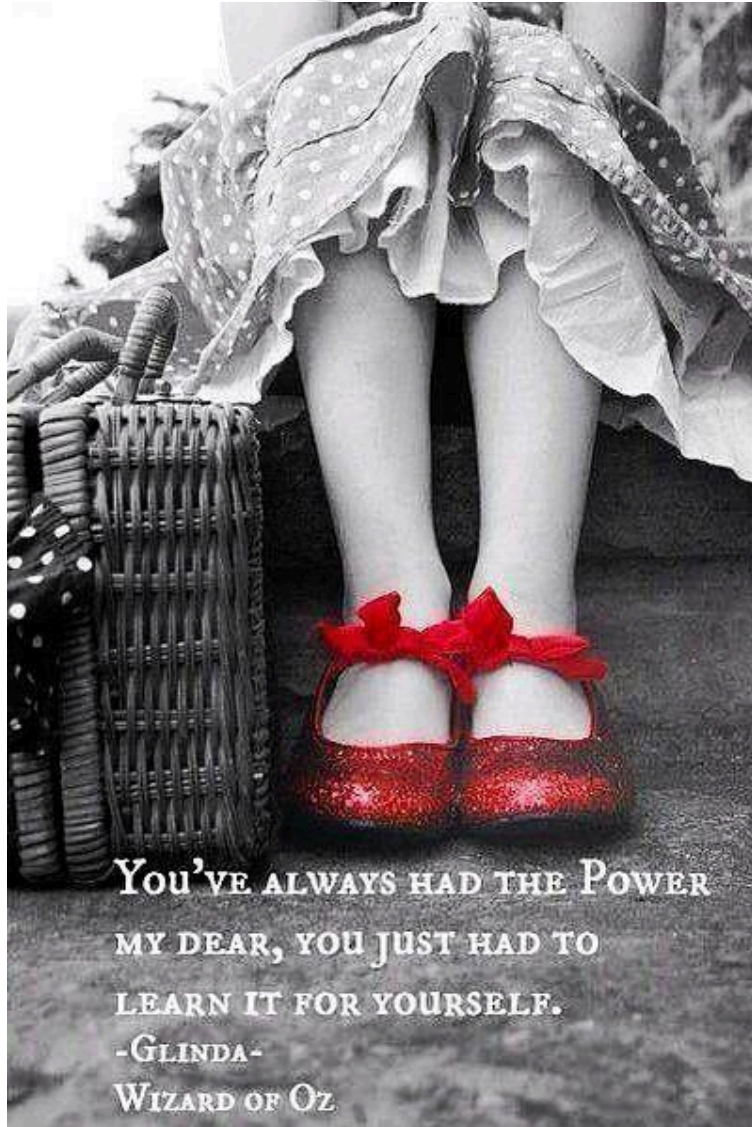
Inspirations

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18-Year-Old Model With Down Syndrome Makes Her Fashion Week Debut

Madeline Stuart, an 18-year-old model with Down syndrome, walked the runway at New York Fashion Week for FTL MODA on Sunday, a highly esteemed opportunity for any model to have in her career. Stuart follows in the footsteps of *American Horror Story* actress Jamie Brewer, [who walked in NYFW last season](#) and became the first person with Down syndrome to do so.





**Why should working-age
youth and adults with
significant disabilities
choose work?**

Because they can!