

I stay at UCP because.... I guess one of the reasons I have stayed so long is because of our mission. My first day I will never forget . At that time the children center was at Linda Lane. It was so enjoyable to see the kids everyday. Once the center was built, we had an adult day program with us. That was very special to me. Seeing the individuals everyday made my day. No matter how my day went, I know they would cheer me up. I have two individuals that were/are dear to my heart. They always made a point to come up and either wish me a good night or a good morning. With having an uncle that has an intellectual disability, I know how special they are. I think that is where my caring and compassionate came from. Till this day, I love spending time with him.

The second reason is my teammates/department. I enjoy getting up and coming to work everyday. I know I can count on my co-workers. We are a big happy family. Sometimes we might fight like any other family does but, in the end, we support and love each other for who they are.

I have seen so many changes within the 25 yrs. that I have been here, can't wait to see what is in the future for UCP.

My advice for new staff.... One piece of advice I can share is make sure you like what you are doing. You spend the majority of your time at your job. Just take one day at a time. You will have ups and downs. Everything happens for a reason.



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