

KEVIN RUSSELL

Kevin Russell started receiving services with MHA by attending the Depression Support Group on 2/21/2013. He has a diagnosis of schizo-effective disorder and depression. At this initial point of service he attended with his mother, who also in is recovery from mental illness. He continued to attend each week and we built a relationship where he found out about other services offered @ MHA. We started meeting weekly from March through July. On July 15, 2013, Kevin agreed to have MHA serve as his representative payee to help him budget his Social Security Benefits. Up until this time, his mother had been providing the service and this was creating undo strain and stress on the family relationships.

Once MHA was approved by SSA, we helped Kevin find an apartment of his own. Up until this time he had been living with his mother. He moved into his own apartment in August 2013. Then on November 6, 2013 we linked him up with our Supported Employment program. He was sent to OVR and then approved for the SE program to help him find employment. He did start working shortly after meeting with SE and has continued working since that time up to the present. In October of 2013, we gave Kevin a tour of PIER. On November 6, 2103 became active there attending classes on anger management. Kevin continues to access the payee program, SE, Depression Support Group and the PIER as he manages his mental wellness. Also, because of the services provided by MHA he has a healthier relationship with his mother. He is now able to focus on his own recovery.