

AIDEN — BRES

As a young adult, Aiden was eager to take his next steps toward independence — finding a job, gaining work experience and building a foundation for the future. Like many young Michiganders, however, Aiden faced some challenges along the way.

Without reliable transportation and with limited work experience, navigating the job market felt overwhelming at times.

Through the Rehabilitation Employment Program, Aiden connected with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) and began working with a dedicated job coach who provided the guidance and encouragement needed to secure employment.

Once Aiden started working at the local Meijer store, transportation quickly became the next major hurdle. Since Aiden was not ready and had no immediate plans to obtain a driver's license, the challenge of commuting to and from work seemed daunting.

That's when Michigan Works! West Central stepped in. Collaborating closely with MRS, the team explored



creative solutions and ultimately provided Aiden with an electric bike — a sustainable, practical way to maintain reliable transportation and achieve long-term success. He also received

a helmet and lock.

Aiden is very appreciative of the e-bike, and now has reliable transportation to work, especially as winter months get closer.