

Employment

Opening screen: Kevin (a male with short brown hair and grey collared shirt) sits in front of a dark blue background and signs to the camera:

TRANSCRIPT: Today we're going to talk about life as an adult in the "real world!" That's a good topic, right? The Usher community is truly diverse! Many have professional careers. For example, I'm a professor, consultant, trainer and an advocate. And that's just me. People with Usher syndrome are lawyers, doctors, leaders. I know someone who is DeafBlind with Usher syndrome who is the superintendent of a mainstream school district in a major city. You can do it. Do I mean "YOU?" Absolutely! Can your children with Usher syndrome dream big? They can. It just requires a little adapting. Sometimes, jobs will provide needed accommodations just as a college or university would. Maybe you need a service dog. You can ask VR to provide support for transportation to and from work, or for interpreters. There are some large companies that have support services in place. Other companies may not know anything about accommodations. That's ok too. It's up to us to educate these companies or to pull in outside resources that can help to educate them so we can get the accommodations we need. And that is so worth it!