

The Arc Helps Single Father Find Supports to Help His Son Thrive



Taison is a happy 12-year-old who likes to defy expectations.

Born with a blood infection that caused a brain bleed, Taison was not expected to live. His father, Robert, chose to give him a fighting chance and elected not to take him off life support. Taison has proven to be a fighter ever since.



Thanks to his own determination and the love and support from his father and siblings, Taison continues to defy the odds. Robert also attributes much of Taison's success to the supports and services he has received from The Arc Lane County.

Taison started in [JumpStart](#) when he was three-years-old, and Robert says that is when Taison started to exceed his doctors' expectations.

"He was growing mentally, socially and behaviorally at JumpStart," says Robert. "The staff was nurturing, the classroom was structured, and

Taison was thriving and learning new life skills."

Fast forward eight years, and The Arc Lane County is once again helping Taison.

Not long ago, Robert came to The Arc and shared he thought he was going to lose his job because he didn't have reliable support for Taison. The Arc's [Community Connectors](#) program helped match Taison with direct support professionals who could provide structured supports in the family's home while also helping Taison enjoy fun things in the community, like swimming at Amazon pool this summer.

"I feel so blessed I can go to work without stress and without worry," says Robert. "The direct support professionals are reliable, professional and highly qualified."

Taison is once again flourishing and exceeding expectations. He is doing so well, that Robert was able to go away for a weekend to recharge his batteries. It was his first weekend away from his son in years, but he could rest easy knowing Taison was in excellent hands.