

James Pytel – He proved the skeptics wrong!

For a person to make a true choice about where to work, it helps to have experienced various “work” settings. James Pytel worked in a sheltered workshop for many years. He had worked at the workshop so many years that



many people thought that he would not be successful in the community. He proved the skeptics wrong! About seven years ago he decided that he would like to get a job in his neighborhood. Because he had no experience riding the bus, he wanted to be able to walk to work. SPIN Employment Services supported “Jimmy” in finding a job at the Wawa around the corner from his home. Jimmy walks the five minutes to work each day. He is responsible for cleaning the front of the store. He sweeps the sidewalk, empties the trash, cleans the floor mats and washes the windows and doors. Jimmy takes great pride in his work and being a Wawa employee. He is dependable and cheerful. Jimmy once was asked if he wanted to go back to the workshop. His answer was an emphatic “No! I like my job.” Because he had

experienced both a sheltered workshop and a job in the community, he truly could make the choice.