



## Inspirational Films

### [East Valley SELPA Transition Students Work in Oak Glen](#)

Students in the East Valley SELPA Transition Partnership Program (TPP) share their thoughts about engaging in paid work-experiences in Oak Glen, California. The program is funded via a grant from the California Department of Rehabilitation and is the result of the collaborative work of the East Valley SELPA, its member districts, and Department of Rehabilitation counselors. East Valley SELPA Transition Technicians work closely with member district high school teachers and paraprofessionals teaching students about workplace readiness, job exploration, post-secondary counseling, and self-advocacy to prepare students for work-based learning experiences and life beyond high school. (Email [evselpa@sbcss.net](mailto:evselpa@sbcss.net) for video)

### [An Autistic Wife with Down Syndrome and Her Husband](#)

Charlotte is an autistic person who has Down Syndrome. Her husband, Riley, is also autistic. The two plan to one day have a child. They are currently in college so that they can provide their future children with a safe and stable home. Charlotte and Riley describe love as "a feeling of connection even when you are not together, you just feel it in your heart".



### [Glass Children](#)

Jamie Guterman speaks about living life as the sibling of a child with special needs. She shares what it means to be a "glass child," including how siblings can sometimes be overlooked and face challenges within their own lives. Jamie also speaks about how her struggles as a sibling have taught her valuable lessons about uncovering who we are. Why is it important to allow oneself to feel everything in life, even the hard stuff? Finding happiness means accepting and growing from all of the struggles, and we must embrace all of life in order to discover our true identities.



### [Isn't it a pity? The real problem with special needs and inclusion.](#)

Torrie Dunlap shares her experiences in San Diego. Kids with special needs are marginalized in our communities, and we are doing it with the best of intentions. Inclusion expert Torrie shares why we need to change our thinking when it comes to special needs.

