

## Great Things about Romello

### Lights up a room

- “Most beautiful thing in our family”
- Social, friendly
- Affectionate
- Loves unconditionally
- Happy to meet new people

### All around good student/person

- Carefree
- Easy going
- Well-rounded athlete
- Good dancer
- Excellent bowling

### Tries hard to do the “right thing”

- Polite, great manners
- Mature
- Strong self-advocate
- Flexible, adaptable

### Passionate

- Loves, loves, bowling
- Loves cars
- Loves bridges

### Concern for others

- Caring about his family
- Usually good at reading people
- Attentive
  
- Handsome, good looking, strong

# Romello



## Most Important to Romello:

### Rhythm and Pace of Life

- Having a schedule and structure, routine are important to him (vacation coming, bus late, weekend plans, etc.)
- Planning his life in advance (calendar)
- Having control, decision making choice
- Time to chill playing video games like Mario Bros.

### Relationships

- To give and receive affection on his terms. Not if he doesn't want it.
- Having good relationships with girls/women in his life.
- To please others and know that others he cares about are ok.
- That others are polite and use respectful language...and don't smoke.

### Being Good at Something

- Loves the game of bowling and the attention he receives. Being good at it.

## What others need to know and do to best support Romello:

### Stress and Worry

- Even though Romello has made great strides in this area, bad weather (lightening, snow, thunder) is still a concern for Romello. He associates inclement weather with power outage and the ultimate break in routine.
- Vacations coming up cause him anxiety.
- Calmly reassure him if bus is late and let him know it is alright.
- Romello reads people and wants to know if anyone is angry with him. Sometimes he gets it right, sometimes not.
- Romello will let you know if you hurt, anger or offend him...or if he is upset about something. Be sure to take a minute to hear him out and acknowledge his feelings.

### Clear Expectations

- Maintaining clear and consistent boundaries in all settings works well.
- Romello does very well with clear rules and directions. Give them early, short, and stay consistent. Be patient.

### Diet

- Limited diet (food can't touch) do not try and force other foods on him – only eats foods he likes.

### Communication

- Romello does not read, so visual cues are important (can memorize sign words).
- Romello often talks in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person.

## How Romello Communicates:

- When Romello is happy and having a good day he will smile and laugh. Be sure to help him keep this positive momentum by letting him know the things he is doing well, and smile and laugh with him.
- Be sure to give him positive praise when taking initiative and doing work without being asked or prompted.
- When Romello does something wrong, he'll self-talk facing the floor. It means he's upset that he is in trouble or did a bad thing. Talk it out right away and he will get back on track. Don't let him stew on it.
- When Romello pokes or tickles someone; it means he wants attention/affection or is aware that person is upset/angry with him.
- When the internet is down, Romello will keep pressing screen buttons. He'll panic; he can be severe about many things. It means he's frustrated, talk it through, and remove him from the situation. Ask him to come and sit with you to chat or hang out.
- When Romello is told to stop doing something he shouldn't he may get very quiet. This means he is upset. It works best to explain why what he did was an issue and make sure he knows he is a good guy and it will be ok.

## Romello's Vision for the Future:

### **Employment**

- Non-smoking
- Structured environment/routine
- Set number of tasks that are done regularly and in order
- Mailroom (non-reader), follow names/room numbers by site reading/memorization
- Needs to be well supported
- Indoor/Outdoor

### **Job ideas**

- Cleaning (he is good at it)
- Work in bowling alley
- Lawn mower – explore landscaping connections
- Landscaping, leaf blowing
- Day program with community work opportunities

### **Relationships**

- May want a girlfriend
- Maintain friendships

### **Housing**

- Lives with parents, but goal is to eventually live on his own with support.

## Recommendations for Action:

### **Areas to develop support strategies and help Romello build skills he needs for the future he wants**

- Understanding and setting boundaries of affection with others. This is important for work and community life.
- Develop skills to manage his excitement and express it in ways that will work for him
- Tolerating/ignoring what he considers bad behavior. Romello will be seeing plenty of what he considers bad behavior. He needs to learn how to handle it and not get thrown off.
- Romello will need to learn rules and skills around cell phone use.