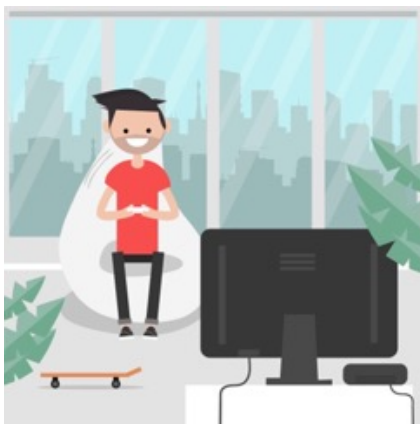




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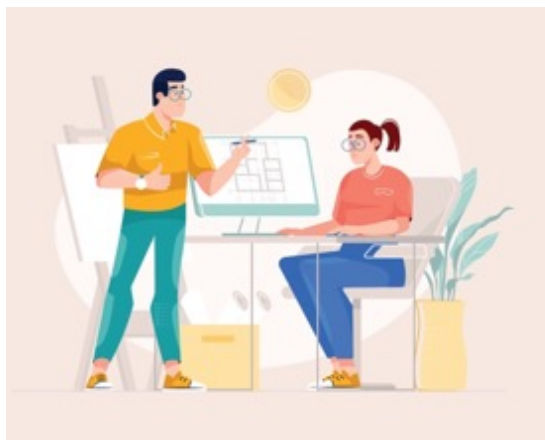
## MassAbility Example



Rico is a man with intellectual disability. He finished high school with a certificate of completion. He loves playing video games and is interested in designing them. He wants to learn how to code. He wonders if that would be the right career for him.



One of Rico's classmates from high school told him that people with intellectual disability can go to college and take regular courses, so Rico would like to see if he can learn how to be a video game designer.



Would college be a place Rico could learn the skills he needs to be a video game designer? How could he get there? Rico's family does not have the means to send Rico to college on their own.



Rico remembered that in high school, a person from MassAbility came to his meetings. He reached out to that person and asked what to do. The person suggested Rico apply for MassAbility services through [MassAbility Connect](#).



Rico was found eligible for services through MassAbility, and his counselor helped him identify a certificate program for basic programming at a local community college.



The program Rico chose is an accredited program. Rico is eligible for financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). MassAbility will provide a tuition waiver and funding for fees and books. Rico needs some supports navigating the campus. Rico's counselor will help him connect to the college Disability Office to explore the supports he will need to navigate the campus.