

In April 2022, Bobby participated in Code Ninja's music coding 4-week tech coaching with The Arc of Weld County. Bobby is well known throughout the community for his huge personality; music is a big part of how he expresses himself. When he is not working hard at the local arc thrift you can find him dancing at the bus stop. He is always in the mood to dance and bring a smile to those around him. Working on music coding really supported his passion for music; he understands it now in a whole new way. Bobby has never had a device of his own and minimal previous access to technology. When he attended his first coding class, he was nervous but quickly found that not only can he do it, but he is also a fast learner. The 4-week course used a laptop with a touch screen, touch pad, and mouse. "I never used anything like that before, I was scared." Bobby started out needing hand over hand assistance, however by the end of the first class he needed only verbal prompts, with the occasional physical assistance. By the end of the 4 weeks, he was achieving success with minimal prompting. Bobby is now participating in his second 4-week music coding course and his goal is to be able to apply the skills he is using at home, as he is a recent recipient of a device via The Arc of Weld County's Inclusive Technology Access Fund. Bobby also participated in a facilitated group tech coaching and received bound instructional materials to support his continued skill development specific to internet safety, changing passwords, how to run security scans, and virtual platform use. Bobby is a man well recognized as someone committed to his craft, be it working at Colorado's largest secondhand retailer or jamming out to his favorite tunes. Tech coaching has brought a new interest and meaning to his love for music. Bobby sums up the impact of this experience on his life and increased self-confidence well, "I want to keep learning about this stuff, it makes me really happy."