



Success Stories

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Meet Steve

Veteran Steve had several barriers to employment including lack of transportation and homelessness. Steve, staying at the Guadalupe Center, took the bus to job interviews while carrying his belongings in a large backpack, which he took everywhere with him. He was getting very discouraged in not finding a job although he had been looking for two months. Steve was referred by the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Representative (DVOP) to the 50+ You're Hired! Workshop series as well as Resume Writing Workshop and Writing Lab. The Resume Workshop Instructor assisted Steve in creating a resume and cover letter for warehouse positions. Steve attended several Job Fairs and Hiring Events while he continued to look for work. In the Resource Room, staff assisted him in his search. Steve came in on August 22nd and told Employment Services of Weld County (ESWC) that he had found a job at Lowes, pending a background check and drug test, which he was sure he would pass. He was very thankful for the hard work of ESWC staff.

Meet Ryan

Ryan lives in a rural town where there are not many opportunities for youth his age, resulting in commuting to other towns to find employment. The Weld Works 4

Youth (WW4Y) Program was able to place Ryan with the Weld County Youth Conservation Corps (WCYCC) Jr. Corps. Ryan obtained two jobs throughout the summer and was able to buy his own car. Prior to purchasing a vehicle, Ryan's father would drive him from Frederick to Brigit's Bounty for work most of the summer. Ryan displayed leadership from the first day in the WW4Y program and created a "family like" environment where he bonded and mentored the other crew members. Employment Services of Weld County nominated Ryan for the Governor's Summer Job Hunt youth recognition award, which he received!

Meet Mariah

After being laid off, Mariah struggled for five months finding new employment. Mariah came to the Workforce Center for the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA) program orientation at which time she learned she could pursue her General Equivalency Diploma (GED) and other opportunities. Mariah was enrolled into the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker program and studied for her GED through the Assessment and Learning Center. Mariah achieved her GED within 9 weeks! She researched various training programs for Medical Billing and Coding. The results of her research have led her to a new goal of becoming a Healthcare

Professional which will encompass a vast area of employment opportunities in the industry. Mariah began her Occupational Training with MedCerts in April of 2018 and is scheduled to complete the program in January 2019.

Meet Chad

Chad was transitioning from incarceration to employment through a program that matches employers with skill-ready offenders, a collaboration with Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC), Employment Services of Weld County and a local roofing company. ESWC provided supportive services for Chad through the WIOA Adult Program to get required roofing tools and he was also enrolled into an On-the-Job Training (OJT) position. Chad has been very successful in his employment with the roofing company and received a pay raise after his first six weeks of employment. In his words, “the Workforce Center gave me an amazing job opportunity with a well-established company. I was walked through job training and financial assistance. I couldn’t be more thankful.”

Meet Felicia

Felicia is living with her mother and other family members which has been a hard time for her and her children as she is constantly being told to move out. After quitting school in 9th grade, she has prevailed in life. She earned her GED in 2013 and received a dental assisting certificate in 2017. She tried to find a job, but most dental offices like for their employees to have some experience which she does not have. She does have customer service and administrative support though. Her Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Case Manager found a Dentist Office that was willing to take her in and treat her as a real employee,

so she could have experience to add to her resume. She had her interview August 20th, 2018, started her position on August 27th, 2018 and is currently working at the Dental office through the Subsidized Training and Employment Program (STEP), learning hands on dental skills that she will use in the future. The outcome for Felicia is going to be a great one. She will finally be able to put a dentist office on her resume and one day use her Dental Assisting Certificate to the fullest. She looks forward to obtaining her own housing for her family.

Meet Heather

Heather had worked for the same company for 11 years when she was let go due to outsourcing. She had unsuccessfully looked for work for 16 months with very few responses to her applications or resumes. During her time on unemployment insurance (UI), she moved to Colorado to expand her opportunities. Heather’s UI benefits ran out, at which point, she came into the Workforce Center for help. Heather was enrolled in the WIOA Adult program and attended the Resume and Transferable Skills workshops. She completed assessments to determine the best occupations to pursue with her skills and background. Heather and her case manager discussed the options of Work-Based Learning such as work experience and OJT. After updating her resume, Heather started receiving interviews. Heather had an interview for a work experience and was offered the position. While waiting for the background check results, Heather scheduled an interview for another position, which was then offered to her and she accepted! She was hired on as an OJT and has been in the role for 10 months and is extremely appreciative of the opportunities provided to her by the Workforce Center!

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