

Workforce Investment Works WIOA Success Story

Name of Participant: Mr. Stroble



The Challenge (Background):

Mr. Stroble came to SC Works while searching for employment, as he had been out of work for over a year. His long term goal is to become a Licensed Residential Builder, but in order to obtain this license there are requirements, one being to work and train directly for a Licensed Residential or Commercial Builder. In a competitive job market, he felt that a construction certification would make him more marketable and was interested in learning more about training programs in the local area.

The Solution (WIOA Services):

Mr. Stroble was enrolled in the WIOA Program on September 3, 2021 with a desire to complete a certification on plumbing. He completed the WIN assessment and obtained a Silver level, and also submitted the scholarship application in preparation to attend the Second Chance Job Center. This training consists of both virtual and hands-on training in the desired area or specialty. He began training with the SCJC on December 6, 2021 and earned measurable skills gains in safety, math, tools and materials, work essentials and trade academics. Once this portion of the training was complete, he began a pre-apprenticeship with an employer, Traveler's Rest Tiny Home. This pre-apprenticeship provided hands-on training in the area of interest and paid wages in the amount of \$14.00 an hour.

The Outcome:

Mr. Stroble successfully completed the pre-apprenticeship program with both the Second Chance Job Center and Traveler's Rest Tiny Homes on March 18, 2022. He is now gainfully employed with Eclipse Cottages, located in Traveler's Rest, South Carolina earning \$16.50 an hour as a Carpenter. He continues to work towards the goal of obtaining his Residential Builder's License and is thankful for the opportunity that the WIOA program has provided him.

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Name of Participant: Mr. Woodruff



The Challenge (Background):

Mr. Woodruff was having difficulty obtaining a full-time job while seeking a career change. His previous work experience involved driving a forklift at a local distribution warehouse. His desire was to have a steady income and obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) certification. He was looking for assistance with training costs, job search and resume development. He identified truck driving as a good career choice. Mr. Woodruff would need CDL training to have a successful career as a Truck Driver.

The Solution (WIOA Services):

Mr. Woodruff was determined eligible as an Adult under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), and was enrolled in the program on October 14, 2021. He entered the program in search of a career path in the trucking industry to have financial stability and growth. Through conducting labor market research with local truck driving companies, career counseling and assessments, it was determined that becoming a licensed Truck Driver was a great choice for him. Mr. Woodruff worked closely with the Talent Development Specialist (TDS) to identify barriers, prioritize needs, and strategize a way to move forward. Mr. Woodruff completed the WIN assessment and obtained a bronze level. He completed the scholarship application and other supporting

documents. Mr. Woodruff applied to Truck Driver Institute and was accepted into the CDL Class A program. He began training on December 6th, 2021, at Truck Driver Institute, located in Richburg, SC. He received supportive services for the duration of his training program, to include financial assistance with transportation, fees and other required items.

The Outcome:

Mr. Woodruff successfully completed CDL training on December 31st, 2021 and obtained his official Class A Commercial Driver's License. He showed a constant sense of responsibility, commitment, and a desire to improve during his participation in the WIOA program. Mr. Woodruff began working full time as a local Truck Driver with Carolina Fresh Farms in Duncan, South Carolina. His start date was February 16th, 2022, and his starting salary is \$17 an hour.

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Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Success Story

Name of Participant: Shadente



The Challenge (Background):

Shadente was dually enrolled in the Mechatronics program at Spartanburg Community College, while also completing his final year of high school. After high school graduation in 2019, Shadente enrolled into Spartanburg Community College Mechatronics Degree Program full-time. Shadente attended an orientation for the WIOA program to take the next step toward reaching his goal.

The Solution (WIOA Services):

In July 2019, Shadente was enrolled in the WIOA Program, where he received one-on-one career counseling. He was excited to complete the requirements of the program and begin training for an Associate of Applied Science in Mechatronics. He completed an Interest Profile, three Academy courses, and his WIN assessment within a timely manner. In August 2019, he began training at Spartanburg Community College.

The Outcome:

While attending Spartanburg Community College, Shadente was able to find employment while completing his degree. He received supportive services for the duration of his training program, to include financial assistance for books, fees, and transportation. He successfully completed training at Spartanburg Community College and obtained his Associate of Applied Science in Mechatronics degree in December 2021. Shadente received a full-time position, a pay increase with full benefits.

“This journey was not easy, but it was worth it.”

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