



Julie Black's Success Story

Despite Julie Black's chronic underemployment and current dislocated worker status, she dreamed of better employment that would offer her better pay and benefits. Julie had spent the last eight years working in the dry cleaning business and was ready for the freedom a better career could offer. Julie sought the assistance of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act to pursue her dream of Truck Driving. Due to Julie's financial situation, the WIOA worker referred her to get SNAP benefits from the Department of Human Services.



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Julie was accepted and prepared to attend training for Truck Driving at Central Tech's Truck Driver Training. Julie did well in school; however she failed her first driving exam. Julie proceeded to pass the following CDL exam and course with a 97%. Julie was third in her class of fourteen.

Julie had worked hard to overcome the barriers she had to employment. She quickly found employment at Badger Daylighting, Inc. in Stillwater after completing training. She started out making \$18.50 per hour, but has earned a raise making \$19.50 per hour. Her and her husband have begun saving up to purchase their own home. In a couple short months she will be celebrating her first year of employment as a Commercial Truck Driver.

Jenny Scholten is a Success!!



Jenny Scholten

Jenny Scholten was 19 years old when she learned of the WIOA Program. Upon meeting with WIOA Youth Service Specialist, Rachel Harris, it was discovered that Jenny had varied interests that she would like to explore. She was already working with the Youth Build Program at CDSA. Jenny had dropped out of Enid High School at the beginning of her sophomore year in 2012 shortly after giving birth to her son, Cayden. Soon after enrolling into the WIOA Youth Program in December 2015, Jenny began to experience personal problems at home with the father of her son. Eventually, Jenny stopped coming to Youth Build and did not return requests for contact from the WIOA Program. Nonetheless, her WIOA Case Manager consistently reached out to Jenny.

One morning, Jenny reached out to her WIOA Case Manager and shared that she had "lost her path but was ready to get her life back on track." She had walked away from her unhealthy relationship and was working at Supportive Community Lifestyle where she provided in home assistance services to her clients. Jenny met with her Case Manager and they readdressed her ISS Goals. While she was successfully exited from the Youth Build Program for attaining several of their program's goals, she did not attain her high school diploma.

Over the next few months, Jenny came into the WIOA Office, on her days off, to work consistently on her Penn Foster Program. During that time, she also worked on her driver's manual and attained her driver's license. Currently, Jenny is still happily employed full-time at Supportive Community Lifestyle. She is in a healthy, committed relationship and moved into a duplex with her son and boyfriend. After meeting with her WIOA Case Manager, Jenny has decided that she would like to pursue her CNA certification at Autry and will be enrolling in the New Year. Jenny is a confident young lady with a great attitude and a bright outlook on life.

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Rick Meyer 's Success

Rick Meyer worked in the oil field industry as a Pump Operator for Sheridan Production Services out of Beaver, Oklahoma. Like many workers in the oil field industry, Rick saw a down turn in his job and was laid off. While Rick's resume proved he had job skills and work history, he still faced weeks of unemployment due to the lack of demand for his set of skills. Mr. Meyer was referred by OESC staff for employment assistance with WIOA career planner Theresa Carrillo out of the Oklahoma Works Office in Guymon, Oklahoma in March of 2016. After interviewing Rick Meyer it was discovered he would enjoy being a commercial truck driver. While the demand for a CDL truck driver is high and the jobs were available, Rick did not have the skills nor credential to obtain employment in that field and needed occupational skills training.

Rick Meyer attended Truck Driver Training through Central Tech in Drumright, Oklahoma. He graduated from the training program and obtained his Class A CDL on June 17, 2016. Rick began work with K&J Trucking Inc. located in N. Sioux Falls, South Dakota as a Heavy Trailer Truck Driver on July 19, 2016. Rick loves his new career field and is very happy working with K&J Trucking. When Rick was asked what he liked most about his new job he stated, "I get paid to see the country!"



Rick Meyer

Location: Woodward County Fairgrounds

Dates: February 3-4, 2017

Times: Treatment will begin at 5:00 a.m. each Day

The Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) is a free, two-day dental clinic open to people of all ages and backgrounds. It is specifically designed for people that are uninsured, underinsured or would otherwise not be able to seek dental care. 2000 patients are expected to be served **no appointments are made. Many volunteers are needed to help for the two days. Visit www.okmom.org if you are interested in helping. You might want to sign up soon so that you can get the job and times you prefer. This event has been held in Enid, Tulsa, and OKC in the past and we are very fortunate that Woodward has been chosen as a site in 2017.

