

Success Stories WIA Adult

Oil region -O.R. completed its first 2 Trade OJT contracts in over two years. One of these Trade OJT clients ,Peter P., was originally laid off from Joy Global. Peter accepted an OJT training position at Franklin Insurance Agency as an Insurance Agent. This is the first OJT Franklin Insurance Agency has participated in. This client will be responsible for learning and comprehending different types of insurance such as; automobile, fire, life, property, marine, malpractice, etc. Another Joy Global client, Timothy W., obtained an OJT with Specialty Fabrication and Powder Coating (SFPC) as a Cost Estimator, earning \$14.65/hr. This too was the first time this employer utilized the OJT program. Joshua S., Adult eligible client, was placed on an OJT contract. This client started his OJT as a welder at Oakland Products, at \$11.00/hr. VTDC was able to purchase his welding mask through their Supportive Services.

Crawford - Staff provided an OJT for Brian C., an Adult eligible client, at Excellent Tool. His training was complete this April. The client received a \$1.00 raise per hour upon successful completion which brings his hourly rate to \$17.00.

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Clarion- Three dislocated Workers were placed into employment during April. Adam C., David G., and Kevin M, each received an ITA at PA Pride ,and are now working as Truck Drivers. One Adult client, Robert B., is finishing his OJT at PennKraft in April. He is being exited into full time employment as their Purchasing Agent, earning \$14.42/hr.

Warren- Staff provided a Dislocated worker with an ITA for their CDL License. He recently accepted employment as a Truck Driver earning \$12.00. Warren Staff are monitoring ENC (Ellwood National Crankshaft) assessments for job seekers provided in the Warren CareerLink.

Erie- Erie Staff have been providing a Job Club where accepted clients commit to meeting once a week for eight weeks. In April, two of these Job Club clients entered full time employment. One of these clients, Corey B., was laid off from GE. He obtained employment at Sterling Dula as an Engineer. Sterling Dula is offering full benefits including a 401K and Life Insurance. He will also be receiving the rate of pay he requested. Warner Trucking Company hired another Adult client, Tammy C., during April. They offered her a full time truck driver position at \$16.00 per hour, with full benefits and a 401K along with a signing bonus.

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Crawford Titusville- “Dawn Burger who has been a dropout for 3 years with 3 kids got her GED and enrolled in college in business administration.”

Jan Dodd

Venango- “Anthony Rice started out searching for work, he was doing odd jobs for family to get by, after working with the WIA Youth program has obtained 2 Part time positions, purchased a vehicle and is caught up on all of his utility bills and is doing well now.”

Lori Burchfield

Erie- “Shannon Gillenwater is my most successful youth this year. She entered into the program in October 2013 and was exited in March 2014. During her time in the program she: had her baby, finished CNA training, found a job, and passed her CNA test. She made us of all the supports the program had to offer and is on the road to having a successful future.”

Michelle Kirley

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Crawford Meadville- “When I first switched over to the Youth Coordinator position, Greg was nowhere to be found. He later admitted he avoided talking to his Youth Coordinator because he knew he was supposed to retake TABE test and didn’t want too. I tracked him down through his parole officer and discussed what his current situation was and what he wanted to do with his life. He was jobless, homeless and trying to get his act together. We started meeting and talking on a regular basis. Greg now has a full time job at Viking Tools, a stable place to live, and has completed a drug and alcohol program. Through Supportive Services Greg just received a new pair of steel toes boots and continues to keep in regular contact!”

Desiree Higley

Clarion- “Adrienne recently switched jobs from working per diem at Clarion Hospital to working full time as a life insurance sales person for American Income Life (AIL). Her supervisor was so impressed with her scores on the entrance exam and her personality that they are going to be starting her into the management training program. Adrienne is so excited and eager to learn her new position. She is determined to make this a successful career path.”

Jessica Carnahan