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Subject: FW: Success Stories

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To: * Subject: RE: Success Stories

Here are a few of the recent success stories from Area 12:

Youth – Michaela

Michaela is in the Warren County TANF work experience program. She had completed her EMT certification before the COVID-19 pandemic, and was placed at the Harlan County Fire department worksite. She then set her sights on continuing her education in Fire Science 1 and 2.

A video has been made (link below) highlighting Michaela's success and is shared to inspire others considering the program. Warren County will be presenting statewide this week highlighting their creative outreach efforts.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCTTs_Kw54g

Youth – Brandon

Brandon is part of the WIOA Career Connection program. He had an IEP in high school and felt enrolling in the Career Connection WIOA Youth program would be beneficial to providing him the skills and extra assistance needed in reaching his goals. He has always wanted a career as a web developer in the Information Technology field but wasn't sure where to start. Brandon enrolled in post-secondary education but struggled through some of the classes. He decided to take a break but never gave up on his goal of creating an IT career. He continued working at his non-IT job and was training to become management, but it wasn't what he wanted to do as a career. Easterseals secured a worksite with Rebel IST and Brandon started his virtual paid work experience this summer. Although Brandon's focus was web design, Rebel IST felt it would be beneficial for him to learn the customer service and troubleshooting aspect of IT first since this is a fundamental part of the career. Rebel IST has been an amazing mentor to Brandon suggested some trainings that have become the "industry standard." After Brandon's work experience ended recently, Rebel IST and Brandon asked about extending his paid work experience. In his new work experience, he will be focusing on web development. If Brandon is unable to secure employment with Rebel IST (due to COVID19 hiring limitations), the owner of the company feels confident that the Work Experience and trainings would provide Brandon the credentials to obtain employment in the Information Technology field.

OJT – Erin

Erin was seeking help to get back into the workforce after divorce while parenting two children. While receiving On the Job Training through OMJ, she reports the following:

"I'm doing great. Thanks so much for reaching out. I am so happy to hear that they are reporting good news to you! They are great showing their appreciation to their employees.

I really do love working here, I believe this just might be the very best job I've had surrounded by great people! I love being introduced to this industry and especially ODW. There is a lot to learn in my position but I do think they made the perfect decision to place me in the department they did.

My title is Broker, I am a Region Assistant to the Midwest, South and Southeast. I am logistically responsible for movement of freight from Point A to Point B and I handle any issues that may arise. I deal with the rates we pay, the safety of the drivers, deadlines, etc. Happy Thanksgiving Sonya! I will be in touch."

Thank you for the opportunity to share our successes,

Amy Miller, M.Ed.

Operator

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