


# Workforce In Action

 **Training** a Skilled Workforce for  
today's businesses

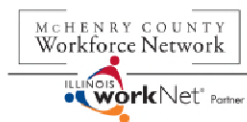
 **Connecting** People to Employers and  
Employers to People

 **Developing** Employment Solutions  
for the future

Located across from the Government Center  
at 500 Russel Court in Woodstock, IL,  
**McHenry County Workforce Network** has a  
variety of programs and services for employers  
and job seekers needing assistance in meeting  
the challenges of today's job market.

We are an affiliate of Illinois workNet  
which is a consolidated effort to provide a  
one-stop system for employment related  
services in McHenry County and part of a  
nation-wide, grant funded system.

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These are but a small sample of the successes our Workforce Program Participants who have taken advantage of the workshops, career advising, resume reviews, training opportunities and the many other tools available through the McHenry County Workforce Center and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA) Programs and Services.

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## **Young Adult Stories**

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### **Colin O.** (60098)

From a young age, Colin had always dreamed of getting behind the wheel of a big rig. At just 18 years old, he was determined to start his career in the transportation industry, but the cost of training stood in his way. That's when he connected with the McHenry County Workforce Network's (MCWN) WIOA program, which provided the support he needed to make his goal a reality. With the help of WIOA funding, Colin was able to enroll in CDL training and fully dedicated himself to completing the program. With hard work and determination, he successfully earned his Commercial Driver's License. Shortly after, Colin was offered a position in the transportation industry, allowing him to immediately put his new skills to work. Now, Colin is at work, building a promising career for himself and gaining valuable experience at an early age. Thanks to his dedication—and the opportunities provided through WIOA—he has turned his dream into a reality and is excited for the journey ahead.

### **Nevaeh H.** (60098)

Nevaeh came to the WIOA Youth Program with an interest in exploring healthcare career options. She was 18 years old and currently pregnant when she entered the program. She knew that utilizing occupational skills training would allow her to gain a certification in the medical field. This would provide job security and allow her future career opportunities as she cared for herself and her child. With the help of her career planner at her local McHenry County Workforce Network (MCWN), Nevaeh enrolled in a WIOA-funded Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training program. Through her hard work, Nevaeh completed her training and passed the state exam to become a Certified Nursing Assistant, all while caring for her newborn child and working a part time job. Nevaeh's dedication to her family, her training, and her career is inspirational. She is now working in the medical field and can continue to expand her career with further training in the future.

## **Participant Successes**

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### **Danika W.** (60014)

Danika W. came to McHenry County Workforce Network having been laid off from her most recent job. She had previously worked in the field of information technology as an associate project manager. She felt her work experience and skills were good, but she was in need of additional certifications to make her more marketable.

Danika met with a career planner and reviewed her job experience, skills, and career goals. Danika developed a career plan and found a training program that suited her needs. After consultation

with her career planner, it was determined that WIOA funding for the training program of her choice was appropriate. She enrolled in and successfully completed her program of study. Danika was hired by a company where she could use her newly gained skills and further her career.

The job search resources offered by McHenry County Workforce and the opportunity to improve her skill set with the assistance of the WIOA program were the keys to Danika's success. She is very grateful for the help she received during this challenging time.

### **Brooke M.** (60014)

Brooke came to McHenry County Workforce Network in need of assistance after losing her job. Brooke's previous experience included working as a registered nurse and more recently working in the restaurant industry. She met with her career planner and completed some initial assessments. It was obvious that she had a lot of skills and could do more fulfilling work more in line with her previous experience.



After consulting with the Business Service Representative, it was decided that an internship with a local company in the healthcare industry would be a good fit. Brooke began her internship and enjoyed the work, and feedback from the employer was positive. She did such a good job that the company hired her on permanently. Brooke is very grateful for the services offered by McHenry County Workforce Network and the WIOA program. She looks forward to continued success.

### **Alber A.** (60102)

Alber came to the United States with the hope of building a better future for his family back home. Over the years, he worked in various jobs that didn't fully align with his skills or long-term goals. Seeking greater stability and a true career path, Alber connected with the McHenry Workforce Network for guidance and support.

Through career planning, Alber identified his interest in HVAC/Electrical work and enrolled in training at Chicago Professional Center. He has successfully completed the program, earned his certifications and is now focused on securing employment in the field.

### **Kelly B.** (60014)

After her position as a fast-food restaurant manager ended, Kelly came to the McHenry County Workforce Network to change career paths. She met with a career planner to explore new opportunities, and through a skills assessment, discovered that her strengths aligned well with administrative and clerical work.

With a new direction in mind, Kelly enrolled at McHenry County College (MCC) to pursue a Business Management Principles Certificate. Around the same time, the Business Services Representative connected her with a window cleaning service in McHenry, who had an opening for an Administrative Assistant.

Kelly was offered a Work Experience (WE) opportunity that complemented her coursework at MCC. Her dedication and growing skills quickly stood out, leading to an On-the-Job Training (OJT) placement with the same company.

She is completing her training at MCC and was hired as a full-time Administrative Assistant at her internship site, where she continues to thrive. This accomplishment reflects her hard work, determination, and commitment to building a rewarding new career.

### **Donald P.** (60014)

Donald P. came to McHenry County Workforce Network having been laid off from his most recent job. He had previously worked in logistics for a delivery service. He was laid off and wanted to get into a long-term career. Donald met with a career planner and reviewed his job experience and skills he had developed during his time in his previous job. Although he had many years of success, he did not have some essential certifications that would assist him in his career goal. Donald and his career planner determined that Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training supported by the WIOA program would help him get a job and move forward in his career. He found suitable training with the help of his career planner and enrolled in a program. He successfully completed his training, acquired his CDL and was able to secure a job as a truck driver. The job search resources offered by Workforce and the opportunity to improve his skill set with the assistance of the WIOA program were the keys to his success. He is very grateful for the help he received during this challenging time.

### **Felipe A.** (60156)

Felipe came to McHenry County Workforce Network with a background of working in the wireless phone industry. He was laid off and in need of assistance. Initial assessments were completed, and through his work with a career planner he determined his career goals. He decided that he wanted to get his Commercial Driver's License and become a truck driver so he could pick up a skill that would lead to a career which would give more stability to him and his family. Felipe enrolled in training with a WIOA-approved CDL training provider and successfully completed training. He then passed the CDL test and got a job as a truck driver with a local company. Felipe is very grateful for the opportunity that the WIOA program and McHenry County Workforce Network gave him.

### **Robert M.** (60050)

Robert came to the Workforce Network after being separated from his previous employment. As the primary wage earner for his household, he was determined to pursue a stable career pathway that would allow him to continue providing for his family.

With the support of his Career Planner, Robert enrolled in the CDL-A training program at Eagle Training Services. He successfully completed the program requirements and has since obtained his Commercial Driver's License. Robert is now actively engaged in his job search and is well-positioned to enter the transportation industry.

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