

## Quarterly Report for Workforce Solutions

### Jefferson County

Amanda Catarouche, an EARN participant, completed a work experience at Goodwill in Punxsutawney. She was offered employment in the donation department at Goodwill.. She did well with this job and was promoted to the sales floor and responsible for opening and closing. Amanda had continued her job search due to the need for more hours. She applied to Taco Bell upon the announcement of the company expanding to the Punxsutawney area. Amanda was offered a position a shift manager and resigned her job with Goodwill. She has been training at the Clarion location with Taco Bell for the past several weeks. The new restaurant is scheduled to open by the end of December 2017.

### Clearfield County at DuBois

Karen Woodrow came in for the PREP orientation on 4/25/2017 where she was informed of the services of the DuBois Career Link and the WIOA program being one of them. Karen was laid off from a factory where Karen worked there for over 25 years. Karen was enrolled into the WIOA program and she completed her workshops and she worked with our BSR. A local company Metaltech was interested in Karen and an OJT was written with Metaltech. Karen has now completed her OJT and continues to work for Metaltech.

### Elk County

Jon Lunger was enrolled in WIOA services as an adult and expressed interest in attaining his CDL. Jon had previously completed a successful work experience at the Elk County Recycling Center. Jon attended Career Exploration A & B and he decided that he did want pursue his CDL and North Central staff assisted Jon in researching local training providers. Workforce staff referred Jon to IU-9 f and Jon participated in remediation with the adult education teacher at the IU9 improving his TABE scores by four grade levels in math. Jon worked individually with workforce staff on editing and improving his resume. Workforce staff then assisted Jon in applying for an individual training account and Jon received an award of \$4,500.00. Jon began his training program at Clearfield County Career & Technology Center on 10/30/17 and he is currently waiting to take his CDL driver's test.

### Cameron County

Phillip Butler – Adult Eligible Phillip relocated to Emporium, PA from New York State to be closer to his family. Phillip wasn't too particular of where he wanted to work he just wanted to work to support his family. Joe Fritz conducted a TABE assessment and eligibility on Phillip and proceeded to schedule Phillip for workshops. In the meantime Annette Campbell Business Service Representative contact employers for a possible On the Job Training contract for Phillip. North Central Workforce staff worked with Phillip in completing the remainder of his workshops to prepare him for employment. Phillip started working at BrownCo on Monday, December 4, 2017, he demonstrates good work ethic to date and enjoys working at BrownCo; he is looking forward to an opportunity to learn more about manufacturing and the PM process.

### McKean County

Kim Giordano sustained an injury through work resulting in Kim being disabled and unable to work. From the PA CareerLink triage process, Kim was referred to the WIOA program for services. Each workshop, she took the information and applied it. Kim was given the opportunity to attend welding and machining training through CA BOCES. Shortly after she began her training, she attended a job fair for Keystone Powdered Metals Company which was facilitated by the Business Services Representative and held at the PA CareerLink. Despite Kim's barriers, the employer identified her with potential for future employment. An OJT contract was agreed upon to address training needs and work with Kim's barriers to employment. Kim continues her training at BOCES. The employer identified that upon completion, the training would be a valuable asset to their company. Kim has received excellent progress reviews and is so extremely grateful for the opportunity afforded her through the WIOA Adult Program.

### Potter County

Daisi was referred to the EARN program in April of 2017. At that time, she was a single mother of 1 year old twins, and was coming off of her newborn exemption. She began the program with a part time job at the Dollar General in Coudersport, working approximately 5 hours per week, and struggling to obtain affordable child care. She expressed that she did not want to work in retail for the rest of her life, and wanted to begin on a career path in health care. Daisi was referred to CCIS for subsidized child care, and was encouraged to apply at Sweden Valley Manor to begin as a housekeeper. She was hired as a full time housekeeper in August, and is hoping to obtain her CNA through their in-house program.