

DANNY — RESEA

After experiencing an unexpected layoff due to the dissolution of his former employer, Danny took immediate, proactive steps to regain stability and move forward in his career. In November 2025, he registered for work and quickly began engaging with Michigan Works! West Central to explore reemployment opportunities.

Danny demonstrated strong follow-through by contacting Michigan Works! West Central to schedule his RESEA appointment. He remained fully engaged in required activities and, shortly thereafter, attended a WIOA orientation in Big Rapids. During this visit, Danny clearly identified a new career goal and expressed interest in obtaining a commercial driver's license (CDL) to transition into a high-demand field offering long-term stability for himself and his family.

Danny continued to show commitment and accountability throughout the enrollment process. In January, he returned to Michigan Works! West Central to submit all required WIOA documentation and scheduled his second RESEA appointment. On Jan. 29, 2026, he was successfully enrolled as a Dislocated Worker in the WIOA program. At that time, Danny was supporting a household of three and actively receiving unemployment benefits following his separation from his previous employer, where he had worked as an executive recruiter earning \$28.65 per hour. Despite the challenges associated with job loss and reduced income, Danny remained focused on building



a new career pathway.

His determination paid off quickly. On Jan. 30, Danny was approved for CDL training through West Michigan CDL. He began training on Feb. 9 and successfully completed the program on Feb. 26, earning multiple certifications, including Safe and Smart Entry Level Driver Training through J.J. Keller and a certificate of completion.

In early March, Danny proudly shared an exciting update that he had started his first day of work with Northern Logistics in Clare as a CDL

driver. The position offered a stable schedule with long-haul routes Monday through Friday and weekends at home, providing both financial security and work-life balance.

By the end of March, Danny returned to the Big Rapids Michigan Works! West Central office to submit his pay stub, confirming successful employment. He was working approximately 80 hours every two weeks and had fully reentered the workforce in a new, sustainable career field.