

ELIJAH — WIOA Adult

When Elijah decided he wanted to improve his career prospects, he set his sights on becoming a commercial truck driver — a goal that promised stability, independence and long-term opportunity. After meeting with a local CDL training provider, he was referred to Michigan Works! West Central to explore options for training assistance.

From his very first conversation with staff at the Newaygo County Service Center, Elijah's motivation and preparedness stood out. After reviewing his goals and qualifications, staff determined he was an ideal candidate for the WIOA Adult Program and invited him to attend orientation. Elijah came fully prepared, bringing all the necessary documentation to ensure a smooth and timely enrollment process.

Elijah officially enrolled on March 7, 2025, and by May 12, his training funding was approved. Despite a few scheduling delays, he began his CDL Class A training with FCG Truck Driver Training School on July 21, 2025.

Throughout the program, Michigan Works! West Central staff remained in close contact, offering jobsearch guidance, encouragement and referrals to ensure his success. Elijah completed his training on Aug. 8, 2025, proudly earning his CDL Class A certification.



Just days later, he reached out to share his appreciation, saying: "Thank you for everything! I certainly could have never done this without your help and assistance. I really appreciate it."

Today, Elijah is employed as a truck driver with Matrix Transportation

Inc., achieving financial independence and no longer relying on support from others. His journey is a powerful example of what's possible when determination meets opportunity and how Michigan Works! West Central can help individuals drive their future forward.