

## GLEN — Dislocated Worker

Glen, a hardworking seasonal foreman with Montgomery Excavating, had been earning \$30 per hour when he was laid off during the 2024–25 season. As the sole provider for a family of four, Glen knew relying on seasonal work alone was no longer sustainable. Determined to build a more secure future and increase his long-term earning potential, he turned to Michigan Works! West Central for guidance and support.

As a dislocated worker, Glen qualified for the Dislocated Worker program, which offers career training assistance to individuals impacted by job loss due to no fault of their own. With support from Michigan Works! West Central, he enrolled in the professional truck driver training program at West Michigan CDL. The intensive three-week course was designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to pursue a career as a commercial truck driver.

Thanks to his dedication and the financial assistance provided through the program, Glen successfully completed the training and earned his Class A CDL from the State of Michigan.

When road construction season resumed in spring 2025, Glen returned to Montgomery Excavating with valu-



able new credentials—and a well-deserved \$10 per hour raise, increasing his wage to \$40 per hour. His CDL not only made him a more versatile and valuable team member, but also opened the door to new responsibilities and greater career growth within the company.

Glen's story demonstrates how

investing in yourself through training and education can lead to real, life-changing results. Michigan Works! West Central is proud to have played a role in Glen's journey and celebrates his success as an example of what's possible with perseverance, support and a commitment to growth.