

JARED — Dislocated Worker

In November, Jared was laid off from the Osceola County Road Commission after completing a seasonal position. Although the layoff was expected, he had been offered a potential full-time role—on one condition: he needed to obtain his Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

Jared knew that earning his CDL would not only unlock immediate job opportunities, but also bring him one step closer to his long-term goal of becoming a lineman—a career that requires a CDL just to apply for the training program.

However, Jared faced a significant hurdle: the high cost of CDL training. Unsure of how to move forward, he was referred to Michigan Works! West Central by someone he knew. That recommendation proved to be a major turning point for him.

Upon visiting the Reed City Michigan Works! West Central service center, Jared met Melissa, a dedicated Talent Specialist who guided him through every step of the process.

With Melissa's help, Jared was enrolled in Pinnacle Truck Driver Training school in Cadillac. He successfully completed the short-term program and earned his Class A CDL.

Thanks to his new credentials, Jared secured a full-time position with Johnson Construction Company in Luther, starting in March 2025. He credits Melissa and the entire Michigan Works! West Central staff for their professionalism, excellent communication and genuine care throughout the process.

Jared's experience is a testament



to the importance of persistence and the power of reaching out for help when it's needed. With the right support system and his own determina-

tion, Jared transformed a seasonal layoff into a new and promising career path.