

JESSICA — Talent & Growth Fund

Jessica first connected with Michigan Works! West Central in May 2025, when she began using the public computers to search for employment and inquire about how to obtain her GED.

At the time Jessica was experiencing homelessness while caring for her young daughter. Fortunately, she and her child were able to find shelter at the Hersey House of Hope, where they not only had a safe place to stay but also received transportation support. This allowed Jessica to come to Michigan Works! West Central once or twice each week to continue working toward her goals.

Through her determination and consistent efforts, Jessica was able to achieve a major milestone in landing a job as a Manager in Training at a local restaurant. Just one month later, she proudly earned her GED.

Securing employment and completing her education were huge steps forward, helping Jessica begin to break down the barriers she faced earlier in 2025.



As Jessica continued to make progress, her confidence grew. Today, she carries herself with a smile and a renewed outlook on life. With support from Michigan Works! West Central, Jessica received assistance through the Talent & Growth Fund program, which made it possible for her to purchase a reliable vehicle.

She also received help with the startup costs of auto insurance through the BRES Funding.

Having her own transportation has given Jessica the independence to drive herself to work and take her daughter to school each day without relying on scheduled rides.