

DANIEL & KARA — PATH

In January 2026, Kara and Daniel came to Michigan Works! West Central seeking support through the PATH program as they worked toward financial stability and long-term employment goals. Both were highly motivated and determined to improve their family's situation. With targeted assistance and their own hard work, they achieved success quickly.

When they enrolled, Kara was pursuing her Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) certification and was focused on building a career in the behavioral-health field. Through PATH, Kara received supportive services to help remove barriers to employment, including a hygiene kit, assistance with gas expenses, a new laptop for her career needs and support in purchasing a reliable vehicle.

After successfully completing her RBT certification, Kara was hired immediately by Northern Behavior Solutions in Ludington. She has continued to thrive in her position and remains employed there today.

At the same time, Daniel was working toward reemployment with Peterson Farms Inc. His goal was to return to the company where he had previously worked. PATH assisted Daniel with purchasing a reliable vehicle and provided mileage reimbursement to help him maintain transportation while seeking employment. After some time, Daniel was rehired by Peterson Farms in the sanitation



department. Building on his success and experience, Daniel has since transitioned to a new opportunity with Seneca Foods, where he is currently employed.

Because both Kara and Daniel secured employment quickly, they did not need cash assistance for an extended period. Their success demonstrates how a combination of determination, goal setting, and supportive services can help fami-

lies overcome barriers and achieve self-sufficiency.

Today, Kara and Daniel are both successfully employed, have reliable transportation, and have established a stronger financial foundation for their family. Their journey highlights the positive impact of the PATH program and the importance of individualized support in helping participants reach their employment and career goals.