

## STEVEN — BRES/Talent & Growth Barrier Removal

For many facing difficult circumstances, maintaining steady employment isn't always easy. Unreliable transportation, complex paperwork and the demands of supporting a household can quickly become overwhelming.

Steve experienced this firsthand. At one point, he was even closed out of the PATH program, not because he didn't want to work, but because he struggled to submit the required employment documentation to MDHHS while balancing a new job and family responsibilities.

Without support, Steve risked losing the one thing he had worked so hard to gain: his employment, and with it, his ability to care for his family.

That's when Michigan Works! West Central stepped in. Recognizing how critical reliable transportation was to Steve's success, the team quickly assessed his needs and helped him access funding through the Talent & Growth Barrier Removal program to purchase a vehicle — his first major step toward stability.

With his own car, Steve no longer had to rely on uncertain rides or worry about missing shifts. He could get to work on time, every time, with peace of mind. That vehicle provides



more than just transportation; it gives him a renewed chance to move forward.

Steve's story is a powerful reminder that people don't always need a

handout; sometimes they just need a hand up. Thanks to Michigan Works! West Central, he's now driving toward a future filled with stability, responsibility, and hope.