

STEVE — WIOA Adult

Steve's journey to success is a story of determination, reflection and seizing an unexpected opportunity. Before his time in prison, Steve had nearly 30 years of experience as a CNC machinist. Although he had built a career in this field, there was always a dream that remained unfulfilled—his desire to become a truck driver. However, raising a family led him to prioritize stability over pursuing his passion, and so he stayed the course with CNC work, even though it never quite brought him the same satisfaction.

While serving time in prison, Steve had the opportunity to reflect deeply on his life and future. During this time, he met another individual involved with the OS (Offender Success) Reentry Services program at Michigan Works! West Central and learned about the chance to receive training to earn a commercial driver's license. This sparked something in him. Steve had always wanted to drive, but life circumstances had led him to set that dream aside. Now, as he looked ahead to his release, he realized that this might be his moment to turn his dream into a reality.

In prison, Steve took a proactive step by filling out a career questionnaire. De-



spite his extensive experience in CNC, he boldly stated he would prefer to get his CDL and be on the road. His heart was set on pursuing this long-held dream. The decision to explore this path was further strengthened after logging more than 100 hours of CDL simulator training while incarcerated. The more time he spent behind the wheel, even in a virtual setting, the more certain he became that he had made the right choice.

When early release day finally arrived, Steve was pleasantly surprised. He

had forgotten he'd signed up for CDL training, but now, with the support of Michigan Works! West Central and the OS program, it was time to move forward. The OS representative and the Talent Specialists at Michigan Works! West Central, guided Steve every step of the way. They helped him enroll in the training program at FCG Truck Driver Training, ensuring he had everything he needed to succeed.

With dedication and hard work, Steve completed his CDL training and is now ready to start his new ca-

reer on the open road. He has found his true calling behind the wheel, and it's clear that this was the right path for him all along.

Steven's story is a testament to the power of second chances and the ability to make a fresh start, no matter where life has taken you. Through his commitment to self-reflection, the support of Michigan Works! West Central's OS Reentry Services program, and his own determination, Steve is now on his way to a fulfilling career and a brighter future.