

JOB SEEKER SUCCESS STORIES

Stories from Employment Services of Weld County Participants



Meet Kayla

In the process of completing her associate degree in paralegal studies, Kayla was having a hard time finding a worksite to complete the training hours required to earn the degree. Due to COVID-19 and limited staffing, Kayla had been turned down numerous times and was receiving unemployment benefits. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program at Employment Services of Weld County (ESWC) helped Kayla obtain a paid internship within the Child Support Unit at the Weld County Department of Human Services to gain experience. Kayla completed her internship hours, gaining the experience she needed to complete her associate's degree in Paralegal Studies. Kayla has now accepted a full-time Paralegal A position with Colorado Legal Services.

CAREER SERVICES

Employment Services of Weld County is a comprehensive workforce center that connects resources for employment, education, and training services. These services may assist you in getting back to work sooner. Our goal is to provide you with the most up-to-date career development information, job search services, and referrals to needed community resources.

Meet Alexzandra

Alexzandra, a medical biller at Longs Peak Hospital, had to leave her position due to COVID-19 and high-risk pregnancy. Alexzandra and her husband were struggling to pay their bills and feed their two children, and they exceeded the income requirements for food assistance and Women Infant and Children (WIC) programs. Alexzandra knew she needed to return to work. Wanting to become a medical assistant but lacking the proper training, Alexzandra was enrolled into the WIOA and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act programs. ESWC was also able to assist her by providing gas vouchers and scrubs to ensure that she had what she needed to succeed. Alexzandra attended the National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement (NIMMA) in Fort Lupton, receiving A's every semester, and obtained her certificate. She is now looking for a job to help support her family!

Meet Bruce

Bruce came to ESWC seeking assistance after being laid off from his previous position due to a lack of work. While Bruce was receiving unemployment benefits, he expressed concerns regarding his employment and not financially supporting his family. He needed assistance to get into training that would help him become more employable. He was enrolled in the WIOA Dislocated Worker program and co-enrolled in the RecoverCO program. Skills assessments and OSHA training were provided to Bruce to assist with his training efforts. Bruce was approved for the Commercial Driver's License Class A (CDL-A) training program at Sage Trucking. He completed his training in April 2021 and was able to find employment with the City of Greeley the same month with a starting pay rate of \$19.50/hour.



The Adult Employment and Training Programs provide various opportunities for adults ages 18 and older who are unemployed, or underemployed, seeking assistance with a new direction or enhanced direction in a career path.

Meet Anthony

Anthony, a father of four, was receiving unemployment benefits but wanted to financially support himself and become a great role model for his children. With his criminal background, he was experiencing barriers to employment. Unlikely to return to his previous employer and needing guidance and support, he came to ESWC seeking training to become a CDL-A truck driver where he was enrolled into the WIOA Dislocated Worker program. Anthony completed skill assessments to determine if his interest and aptitudes aligned with his career path. It was suggested that Anthony complete the OSHA training to gain the necessary knowledge and safety skills needed within a wide array of occupations. Anthony also attended the Resume and the Helping Offenders Pursue Employment (HOPE) workshops. He was provided with gas vouchers to get back and forth to training and was able to complete his CDL-A training with United States Truck Driving School, INC. in February 2021, passing at the top of his class. In March 2021, Anthony obtained employment with Groendyke Transportation.

You may be eligible for programs provided through the Adult Employment and Training programs. Please do not hesitate to call (970) 400-6792 to determine what might be the best fit for you!



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