





## Workforce Central Helps Jobseeker with Trainings and Job Placement

Hector M. has been affiliated with the Massachusetts network of One Stop Career Centers since 2006; utilizing various career centers throughout Massachusetts for services. In September 2016, Hector entered an innovative pilot program, People in Recovery, at Workforce Central in Worcester. The program was designed in collaboration with the City of Worcester Health and Human Services Department, Workforce Central, and local group homes that assist people recovering from drug and alcohol abuse hat were previously incarcerated. Hector came to Workforce Central with many barriers to employment, including low self-esteem. He had an old head injury from an accident in his youth, no tangible skills, and had been incarcerated. Hector worked with his case manager, Cheryl Kelly, and was focused on a successful transition to self-sufficiency. Hector wished to obtain training in a field where he would be able to support himself; earing enough money to buy a car and afford his own apartment. Hector also worked with Sarah Loizeaux, the career center's Disability Resource Coordinator, and was referred to the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission for accommodations and support services.

Looking at many options, Hector decided to apply as a candidate for the MassMEP CNC Manufacturing Training. To his delight, he was accepted into the program and began classes in October. After an intense 10 week training program, he successfully completed his training in December and then turned to the career center for job search assistance. Working with all of the resources available at the career center, Hector's resume was updated and polished and he was ready for a job as a CNC machine operator. He received a referral from one of the instructors in his training program and he is now happy to have been hired by a local Worcester manufacturing company as a machine operator. He is very proud of his accomplishments and success, and very happy with the support he has received from Workforce Central. He also refers others to the career center if they are in need of career guidance and workforce training.

If you're interested in learning more about the services available at Workforce Central, please contact your local Career Center.

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