



My Success Story



A.G. was referred by his Probation Officer in Fall of 2017, as he had been court ordered to meet with a (Career) Planner at the WorkForce Center by the judge presiding over his case.

When A.G. first met with his (Career) Planner on September 13th, he shared some of his barriers to previously succeeding within his educational and employment goals. He was 17 years old; his mother had left him and his sister two years prior to care for themselves; and he had dropped out of high school that same year at the age of 15. He has struggled with chemical dependency and has attended treatment and is working towards staying sober.

A.G. had tried to enroll in GED courses at Hawthorne the year before, but he had not been able to get his mom to follow through in signing the paperwork, as he was under 18. He continued working at various fast food businesses, but lost his last job due to being arrested and not reporting for work for his shift.

The Career Planner contacted his mother, who was agreeable to A.G.'s sister signing off on anything needed for his educational and employment planning. The Career Planner sent the form to his mother to sign and return. Once that was in hand, it was possible for A.G. to start moving forward towards his goals.

As of January 31st, A.G. has secured and maintained employment and successfully completed 3 of his 4 GED tests. He is working with his Career Planner to create a resume so that he can apply for positions that will take him higher up his ladder of goals once his GED is completed.

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