

CareerSource OJT Program Helps Chef Find New Role

After six years as a chef, Marisol Rivera was ready for a new career. "I love working with my hands and wanted to enter the trades," she said. "Construction is a field full of opportunities with great stability and benefits."

Drawing on her prior experience, Rivera applied for an electrician trainee position and was hired by Carpenter Electric in West Palm Beach. "Marisol had the right traits and drive and a desire to learn the trade," said Yelena Belousov, Carpenter Electric's office manager/HR specialist. In business since 1982, Carpenter Electric has participated in CareerSource Palm Beach County's OJT program since 2016 with more than 25 workers going through the program.

In August 2021, Rivera started at Carpenter Electric with support from CareerSource Palm Beach County's On-the-Job Training (OJT) program. As one of the few women working on construction job sites, Rivera appreciated her supervisor's mentoring and support. She



completed the program in November and recently began her four-year apprenticeship through the IEC Florida East Coast Chapter.

"I really enjoy my work, putting panels and modules together," said Rivera. "I'm also learning new things every day, like how to install landscape lighting. I think CareerSource has a great OJT program with personalized feedback at every step of the way."

CareerSource Opens the Door for Marine Corps Veteran

After serving eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Max R. Jacques was ready for a new career in the private sector. "As a 30-year-old veteran, I wanted to put my skills to good use in logistics and operations," said Jacques, who reached out to Stacy Bart, who coordinates the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) at CareerSource in West Palm Beach.

"Stacy helped me redo my resume, provided coaching and helped me prepare for interviews," said Jacques. "It was unbelievable how much work she put into getting me a job that could provide an entry to a new career."

That coordinated effort paid off, as Jacques was hired by DH Pace, as dispatch manager in the door company's new branch in Palm City. "I'm learning the system and have a great boss," Jacques said. "It's a great working environment here."

As dispatch manager, Jacques manages three field technicians who install commercial and residential doors, conduct fire inspections and perform other services for DH Pace, whose operations range from Lake Worth Beach to Sebastian. "I would advise any job-seeker to contact CareerSource Palm Beach County," he said. "Their attention to detail and understanding of the job market is unmatched. They will help you achieve the position of your dreams."



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