

WorkINdiana Success Story

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Michael Lambert was a student in Career Pathways at Southeast Community Center before utilizing WorkOne services. He received his High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma from Blue River in the fall of 2015. Having multiple roadblocks and barriers to overcome, including three children (one of which is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder) and a criminal background, Michael needed help achieving his dream of becoming a truck driver.

Michael was persistent and confident in his ability to be a great driver and employee. After completing all the tasks for his advisor, including a pre-hire letter and multiple meetings, Michael entered school at C1 Trucking and completed his training on time and with high scores. He also passed his licensing exam on the first attempt and began networking as a primary job search strategy. Within a week, Michael was interviewing and in talks for employment. Michael recently accepted a position with Falcon Transportation and will begin his training with them soon!

Previously, Michael had mostly held positions that paid around \$9 to \$10 an hour and his wife stayed home with the children. Now Michael and his wife are excited and planning to begin saving for their plot of land in Fountain Square to eventually put their future, custom-built house they've dreamed about.

Congratulations to Michael and the Lambert family!



Michael Lambert

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