

# Former Off-Shore Driller Finds Satisfaction in Business Ownership

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**Guy Davies**

It is not often that staff in our WorkOne offices meet up with a laid-off off-shore oil and gas driller, but in Lawrenceburg, that's just what happened in early May.

U.S. Air Force veteran Guy Davies spent 8 years in the service then, after leaving service, moved on to a position as an offshore driller – a job that eventually paid him nearly a hundred dollars an hour and sent him to job sites all over the world. Sadly, that job ended in April, and he returned home to Ripley County to seek new job opportunities.

After reviewing available positions in the area, Davies decided to embark on a career in truck driving and met with an admissions counselor at Ivy Tech Community College in Lawrenceburg, who directed him

to Adult Education classes at the Dearborn County WorkOne for testing, possible remediation, and WorkIndiana-funded training.

Davies successfully completed his Adult Education requirements, met several times with WIOA Case Manager Michelle Houze, and not long into the three-week-long CDL (Commercial Drivers' License) course at IVY Tech Community College, Lawrenceburg, decided to test the entrepreneurial waters of trucking company ownership. He was connected with a trucking company business owner in Brazil, IN; made the drive there to meet with him, and says he received valuable advice on

the process of becoming business owner, not to mention encouragement in pursuing this goals.

Now, just less than three months after first meeting with Ivy Tech Community College, Adult Education, and his WIOA case manager, our driller-turned driver has already completed all required DOT (Department of Transportation) paper work, purchased a truck and has brought more than \$3,000 into Guy Davies Trucking Company in his first week on the road! Davies said, "I have never been surrounded with people that care so much to get things done right and want to help you anyway they can."

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