

## **Sanford WIA Participant obtains Employment as a Local Truck Driver**

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Joey Hayes enrolled into the WIA Adult program at the NCWorks Career Center of Sanford. He had recently been let go from his job and his former offender status was making it hard for him to find work, so he came to Career Center in hopes of obtaining a career that would support his family and turn his life around for the better. Mr. Hayes had always been interested in earning his North Carolina Commercial Driver's License, and after developing an Individualized Employment Plan with his Case Manager, he enrolled at Carolina Trucking Academy to earn his Class-A CDL.



Joey was an excellent student at the trucking academy, and was at the top of his class when he earned his CDL. He sat down with his case manager to put together his resume. His goal was to obtain local employment that would give him the time he needed to be with his family. Within a month of his graduation, he was offered three jobs with local haulers. He chose to work with Superior Cranes as a driver hauling heavy equipment, and was making \$18 an hour with the ability to work up to 60 hours a week.

Joey has expressed how grateful he is for the assistance provided to him by the WIA program. He went from earning no income to earning over \$60,000 a year at a job that he truly loves. Currently, Joey is employed by the Mideast Railroad Service, and is thankful to have a wonderful job that supplies his needs financially and gives him the time he needs with his family.