

Oakhill Job Center Recent Success Stories

Participant D.P. registered in September 2019 to use the Oakhill Job Center. At that time, he was on a work release assignment, so he was only available to work with staff on the Thursday evening sessions. He was laid off in early November and started utilizing the job center during the day time hours. He was initially scheduled to be released in early December, so staff and D.P. started working on job applications right away. His release date got pushed back a couple of weeks to the end of December. During those last two weeks, staff assisted D.P. by allowing him to reach out via several phone calls to the employer he worked with on work release. He was hoping once he was released, they would hire him back in a different capacity. He was able to speak to his supervisor and secure an interview. The job center staff discussed interviewing strategies before he was released.

Fortunately, D.P. was hired back by the employer. He started in early January 2020 as a forklift operator earning \$20 per hour. He recently stopped by the Dane County Job Center and chatted with the staff who also work at the Oakhill Job Center about how his first day went. He has an apartment and is planning on starting school this fall at Madison College. He is doing well and is very happy.

K.V. was a tutor working across the hall from the job center. His planned release date was the end of December 2019. He started applying for jobs in early December when he was able to have time away from his work assignment. He was really interested in working again for a previous supervisor. With the help of job center staff, K.V. reached out via email and telephone to this supervisor. He left Oakhill with an interview scheduled for two day after his release. He called the Oakhill Job Center to inform staff that he was hired and started working immediately. He is working for a car wash in Waukesha as a technician. He is earning \$8 per hour plus commission on sales. K.V. stated that he has already earned \$600 in commissions since starting. He wanted to thank DWD for all of the provided help, which allowed him to be successful upon release. He said the job center really worked for him.