

## **Grant/Adams Year-End Performance Report July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

## **Starting Over With Success**

Starting over is never easy. Beginning fresh in a new country with an unfamiliar language and culture is even harder. It takes perseverance, determination, a willingness to learn, and a lot of courage. Roman and Ksenia have all of those qualities and more.

Roman and Kseniia both were established professionals in Ukraine when the war with Russia began. Kseniia had a Master's degree and worked in fashion; Roman had a high school diploma and worked in trades. Upon entering the United States, both engaged in English classes with Big Bend Community College and received Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) from DSHS. As soon as their work authorizations were received, they approached SkillSource seeking training assistance.

They were aware of a Ukrainian-language commercial drivers' training program conducted by Skyline CDL in Ridgefield, WA. They



Roman on the road

recognized that CDL was a great path to help them attain their two main goals: finding living-wage jobs and exploring the United States. Federal Economic Security for All (EcSA) funds were used to support Kseniia and Roman's education. EcSA also paid for supportive services not available from other partners including transportation to school, lodging while training 300 miles from home, assistance with testing and licensing fees and other costs.

Skyline CDL referred Roman and Kseniia to employers willing to work with limited English speakers. They were invited to do job shadows at several companies before making a decision. In early June 2023 Kseniia and Roman started a team driving job for PNB Trucking, driving long-haul across the

United States. After only a month of employment, they have already visited 12 states and are fulfilling both of their goals: seeing this huge country and earning a great wage that allows them to support themselves and start a great new life. Their wage of approximately \$22/hour allows them to support themselves, be self-sufficient and save a little for their future life as citizens of the United States.

Starting over isn't easy, but Roman and Kseniia have found a new home in the USA with PNB Trucking. Congratulations!



Kseniia behind the wheel



Registration & Exit	Actual	Annual Goal						
Total Served	478	539						
Adults								
Registered	85	116						
Placement Rate (% employed at exit)	91%	70%						
Credential Rate (% trained in voc ed who earn a credential)	65%	63%						
Dislocated Workers (Regular & Discretionary)								
Registered	86	113						
Placement Rate (% employed at exit)	88%	87%						
Credential Rate (% trained in voc ed who earn a credential)	94%	67%						
Youth								
Registered	90	105						
Placement Rate (% of youth employed or in post sec ed)	80%	68%						
Credential Rate (% youth who achieved a HSD or GED)	56%	53%						

Participants in Occupational Education	22-23 Students (YTD)			21-22 Students (Year Total)				
	Big Bend	WVC	WVC Omak	Other	Big Bend	WVC	WVC Omak	Other
Health Care	18	26	6	13	9	23	2	10
Office	8	11	1	9	10	4	1	18
Industrial & Technical	21	6	0	61	11	2	0	68



Workforce Investment Fiscal	Budget	Expenditures	Expenditure Rate
Career Services	1,171,113	1,035,345	88%
Work Based Training			
On-The-Job / Incumbent Worker Training	189,479	75,830	40%
Work Experiences / Project Learning	210,546	197,873	94%
Occupational Education	280,315	278,249	99%
Healthcare		45,390	
Office		28,785	
Industrial/Technical		204,074	
Basic Education			
Secondary Education	123,464	120,280	97%
Computer Basics	65,239	44,967	69%
Support and Incentives	82,637	68,361	83%
Total	2,122,793	1,820,905	86%