

Joseph Martinez

Illinois workNet Center - Harrisburg

Case Manager - Ronda Glenn

Joseph Martinez was enrolled in the In-School Youth program on October 4, 2002. He was a sophomore at Hardin County High School. Joseph was struggling with a few of his classes and was enrolled in after school tutoring for four hours a week. He was later enrolled in work experience and worked at Cave In Rock State Park and later worked for Shawnee Development Council's food pantry in Hardin County. At first Joseph was scored average by the supervisor on his monthly evaluations but the longer he worked the better his attitude became.

Before his senior year of high school, Joseph moved out of his mom and step dad's house. He supported himself through odd jobs and the WIA Youth Work Program. Even though he was living on his own he was still able to get to high school and make passing grades. Joseph graduated from Hardin County High School on May 13, 2005. He had taken some welding classes in high school and was interested in going to Southeastern Illinois College for the welding program. He started the SIC program on August 2, 2005. Joseph's first semester at Southeastern Illinois College, he received four B's and one A for his final grades.

Since Joseph really liked the welding program, we arranged for him to work at Rann Welding which is owned by Ryan Rann and located between Eldorado and Harrisburg. Joseph started on December 29, 2005 and was allowed to work 20 hours a week on our program. Rann Welding also worked him additional hours and paid him separately. Joseph worked through our program until he graduated from Southeastern Illinois College on December 14, 2007. Upon graduation, Rann Welding employed Joseph full time earning \$7.50 an hour. During the follow up period of December 28, 2007 to December 27, 2008, Joseph continued to work at Rann Welding with great success.

It has been four years since Joseph completely left our program. He has stayed with the same employer, Rann Welding, and has almost doubled his starting salary. It has been almost ten years since the staff at the Illinois workNet Center - Harrisburg first met Joseph and he has really turned his life around. Joseph has become a husband, a father and a great success.

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I, Joseph Martine, hereby authorize any State of Illinois department, Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board, any contracted service provider or agency benefiting from or contributing to my activities to use information regarding my involvement with programs delivered through the workforce/economic development system. Information which may be used includes, but is not limited to, the written summary of achievements; awards banquet videotape; and photographs. These materials may be used in publications, award nominations and/or on the Internet. I hereby waive any claim arising out of such release, dissemination or use. Information, videotape, and photographs shall not be used for any for-profit commercial purposes.

Joseph D. Martine
Signature Joseph Martine

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Date

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Rann Welding
Signature: Rann Welding

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