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Rising To New Heights

Ashley came into the Fenton GST Michigan Works! Service Center to register for work as part of her unemployment requirement. She was laid off from her position as a well compensated, full-time Project Consultant at Kingsway Group.

As a requirement to continue receiving unemployment benefits, Ashely was also required to attend a mandatory Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) appointment. At the RESEA meeting, Ashley learned how GST Michigan Works! could assist her with her employment needs. Shortly after, she was scheduled for a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) intake and application appointment at the GSTMW! Fenton Service Center.

During the intake process Ashely was very adamant that her number one need was to become gainfully employed. As a single parent, she needed a consistent income to care for her 3 children. Our Career Coach discussed how her job search was going, that she had applied for several positions, and she was currently waiting to hear back from the employers. They discussed what type of work she was looking for and her specific needs.

Ashley was concerned about her resume being adequate for an employer to contact her. Her GST Career Coach went over ways and resources that Ashley could successfully update her resume per the individual position she was applying for to avoid being screened out.

With Ashley being actively enrolled in WIOA as a Dislocated Worker, she was able to utilize the resources of career coaching and resume assistance review. GST Michigan Works! assisted her with work clothes, which helped her to keep her focus on the outcome she was looking for – full-time employment!

During this process of applying for different positions, Ashley began hearing back from employers and quickly received an offer of employment. Ashley gladly started a position at Turner Construction on 5/1/2023 as a Logistics Engineer, at a wage 33% higher than her previous position. Ashley is grateful for the assistance she received from GST Michigan Works! Fenton office.