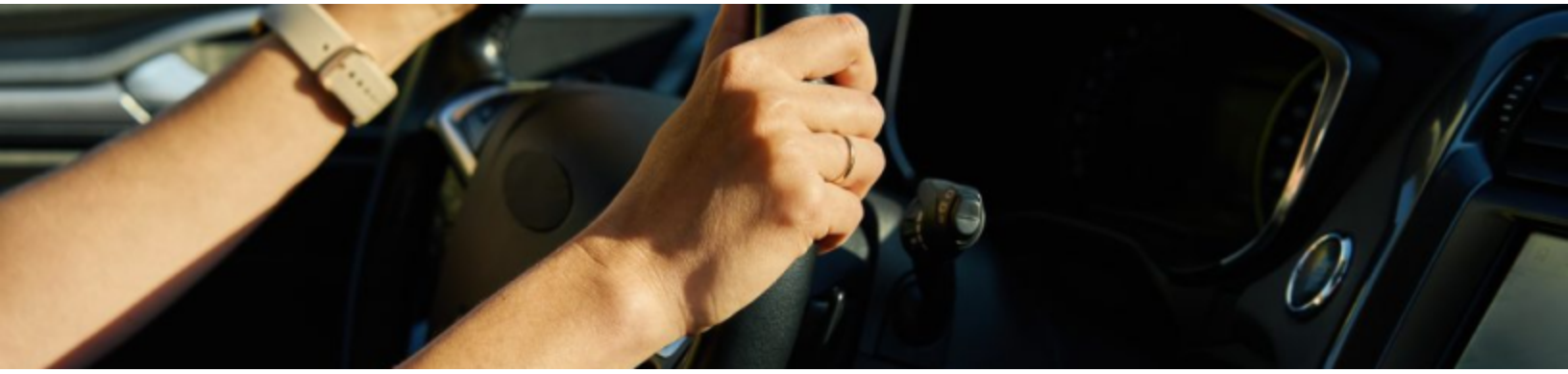


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Removing Barriers, Building Confidence

Alanna first connected with the Family Literacy Center (FLC) in November 2025, seeking financial assistance to attend classes at Mott Community College. Having recently earned her GED, she was already working and eager to take the next steps toward a brighter future. Since then, she has remained actively engaged with FLC, regularly attending Life Skills classes where she has strengthened her communication skills, developed a deeper sense of self-worth, and learned the importance of surrounding herself with positive influences.

More recently, Alanna faced an unexpected challenge when her vehicle began experiencing significant mechanical issues—repairs that would cost more than the car itself. Recognizing how critical reliable transportation is for maintaining employment, FLC partnered with GST Michigan Works! to explore possible solutions.

Through the Talent Growth and Barrier Initiative Funding Grant, and with strong collaboration between FLC and GST Michigan Works!, Alanna was able to quickly gather the necessary documentation and purchase a reliable vehicle within just one week.

With dependable transportation, Alanna no longer faces the stress of getting to work or the financial strain of costly repairs. This support has provided her with greater stability and peace of mind, allowing her to stay focused on her goals.

Alanna expressed sincere gratitude for the assistance she received and was visibly excited throughout the process!