

Dislocated Worker Program

The first quarter of 2010 marked an increase in the number of jobseekers the CFL Workers Assistance Committee's Dislocated Worker Program placed into new employment. In fact, more of these jobseekers gained employment since January than in the second half of last year. We placed workers in manufacturing, healthcare, hospitality/service and IT positions, with an average hourly wage of \$21.58. In this issue of *Working Connections*, we profile a few of these newly employed workers — and recognize and congratulate just some of the other workers who now have full time employment, too. (see list at right).

For more information, City of Chicago residents call 312-565-9431.
West and South Suburban Cook County residents call 708-344-3539.

Customers Placed in 2010

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| Sara A. | Wanda L. |
| Tracy A. | Alexander M. |
| Quing C. | David M. |
| Sara B. | Gabriel M. |
| Steve B. | Marc M. |
| Timothy B. | Andrew N. |
| Deborah C. | Wayne O. |
| Thomas C. | EveLyne P. |
| Russ E. | Michael P. |
| John G. | Julianne R. |
| Angela J. | Greg S. |
| Chris L. | |

MICHAEL PENRO

“**B**eing laid off was a shock to me because I was in this industry for 17 years. But I used the lay off as an opportunity to update my skills and go back to school. I met with a representative from Symbol, a Chicago-based training center providing education and hands-on training in programming, setup & operation of CNC (Computerized Numerical Control) machines, who told me about the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program for dislocated workers and the CFL Workers Assistance Committee. I enrolled in the CFL Workers Assistance Committee's dislocated worker program and was assigned a case manager, Areli Nunez, who helped me get an Individual Training Account to pay for my training at Symbol. Areli and CFL Workers Assistance Committee staff were very helpful throughout my job search and helping me identify new skills that I needed. I have recommended CFL Workers Assistance Committee to other people that I knew had been out of work. I chose the CNC training at Symbol because I found a high demand for CNC jobs and I needed the training. The training helped me land a new job at Borg Warner as a Production Tech. I plan to continue to work and upgrade my new skills.”

Previous Job

Converting Coach Supervisor
Royal Group

Services Delivered

Resumé writing, interviewing skills,
labor market information, Internet
job searching, training

New Job

Production Tech
Borg Warner