

CATALYST

— LIFE SERVICES —

WIOA Quarterly Newsletter

WIOA Program Data

● **22** - Active Referrals ● **162** - Enrolled ● **86** - In School
● **76** - Out of School ● **188** - Follow Up

Barrier Data

● **92** - Basic Skills Deficient ● **27** - Drop Out ● **13** - Foster Care
● **4** - Homeless ● **26** - Pregnant & Parenting ● **47** - Single Parent
● **118** - Lacks Transportation ● **22** - Subject to Justice System ● **45** - Disability

Program Stats

● **57** - Community Employed ● **22** - Currently in a Paid-Worksite
● **11** - Currently in a Post-Secondary/Training ● **131** - Positive Skill Gains for PY19

WIOA Unadjusted Q4 Preliminary Report PY 2019:

Education, Training, Employment 2nd quarter after exit: **64/103-62%**

Education, Training, Employment 4th quarter after exit: **54/84-64.3%**

CCMEP Unadjusted Q4 Preliminary Report PY 2019:

Education, Training, Employment at Exit: **119/161-73.9%** Above Statewide Rate

Education, Training, Employment
2nd quarter after exit: **120/164-73.2%** Above Statewide Rate

Education, Training, Employment
4th quarter after exit: **104/140-74.3%** Above Statewide Rate

***PY 2019 Adjusted Annual Performance Report will be released in Spring 2021*
***PY 2020 Unadjusted 1st Quarter reports will be released at the end of Oct 2020*



What do you like best about being an Employment Specialist?

I like meeting with the families first. I get a better understanding of what the clients barriers may be and see what can be done to help overcome those barriers. Building relationships is the most important part of the job. I am the first person to meet with the families, so I give them the understanding of how the program works and how as a team we can best help the client. The best part of the job is seeing the change, successes and milestones the clients have achieved from our first meeting. - Bob Nelson, CCMEP Coordinator

I love helping others, it has always been a passion of mine. I love giving individuals the resources and drive to reach their full potential. A lot of times, others cannot see what you see, so helping others to open their eyes to their own potential is magical. There isn't anything better than seeing others succeed and knowing that you had a hand in someone's success. This is why I am a social worker and why I was continue to help others every day. - Casey Gowitzka, Lead Employment Specialist

What I love most about being an Employment Specialist is being able to support my clients through the journey of preparing for their future. I enjoy being able to set goals with clients, at the beginning stages, then being able to support the client while they work through the steps to achieve that goal. - Chelsea Loveland, Employment Specialist

My favorite thing about my job and this program is seeing my clients succeed. No matter what they want to do I am there to support them in whatever way possible to help them get to where they want to be and to see them achieve that goal after all the hard work they put in is the absolute best. Whether it is someone who just wants to get their first job and then seeing the excitement they get when they receive their first check realizing that they just worked and earned their own money.. I love it. Showing youth and young adults that no dream/goal is too large and anything can be achieved. - Taylor Salisbury, Employment Specialist

I have always been passionate about working with youth. I am so proud of my clients when they work so hard to achieve their goals. - Stephanie Little, Employment Specialist

What I enjoy most about being an employment specialist is watching my clients achieve their goals. It's very rewarding to be able to help them identify their strengths and provide them with the support and encouragement they need to be successful. - Brittany Moyer, Employment Specialist

I love showing my clients that no matter our circumstances, success is always possible if we are willing to work hard, embrace change, and learn from our mistakes. - Michelle Gower, Employment Specialist

WIOA Success Story

Aveon Grose

“Aveon is going to accomplish great things in life, especially with his mindset and determination. There is nothing he cannot do!” shares Employee Specialist, Taylor Salisbury. Taylor has been Aveon’s Employment Specialist since November 2019. She has helped to find several job opportunities for him and has continued to remind him of the great potential his future holds.

Aveon Grose is a client of Catalyst Life Services and started in the WIOA Program in June of 2019. He started the program with a mindset of wanting to better himself. Although he was only 15, we wanted to get a head start and learn how to earn and manage his own money.

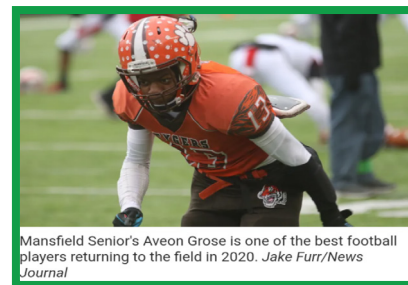
“The WIOA program has opened me up to new opportunities, pushed me forward and helped prepare me for the future,” Aveon says.

Taylor Salisbury has worked to place Aveon on a worksite that would best fit his skills and interests. Aveon is currently working at the WIOA site: Black Belt Pro Fitness, a martial arts and fitness center. During the summer, Aveon participated in the Taekwondo program as a counselor. In this position, he taught young students the basics of Taekwondo. This experience helped him to look at things differently and he found himself working harder than he had before.

Aveon is now 16 and will be going into his junior year this school year. He has already been offered several college scholarships for football. Aveon shares that he is still considering these different college offers, but knows, no matter where he ends up, he will become a physical therapist. He desires to help other athletes and possibly act in the role of a Trainer.

Aveon is currently in Driver’s Education, working to obtain his driver’s license. His schedule is also filled with football practices and games as well as track and basketball. Although his load is heavy, he has still managed to receive satisfactory grades in his high school classes. He also continues to meet with his employee specialist, Taylor Salisbury to stay on track to reach his goals.

Aveon shares that the WIOA program has helped to shape and prepare him for the future. For those students who share the same desire as Aveon and want more for themselves, he encourages them to be the best they can be.



Mansfield Senior's Aveon Grose is one of the best football players returning to the field in 2020. Jake Furr/News Journal



“Continue to wake up every day, keep working and strive for better things,” Aveon says encouragingly.

No matter what the future holds for Aveon, his determination and hard-work are bound to push him toward success and endless potential. And for those around him, may they see his example, believe in themselves and work for their dreams.