



Hennepin-Carver

Workforce Development Board

Success Story – May 2025

Minnesota Training Partnership
State Dislocated Worker Program

A 21-year-old single young man living with his family. He completed an AS degree in Carpentry from Hennepin Technical College but had not worked in the field. [He] lost his job when Cub Foods closed its Brooklyn Park store in November 2024, where he was working as a Store Associate, earning \$17/hour with part-time to full-time hours. [He] met with a counselor and expressed his desire to start his career in carpentry and utilize his degree. NengJo connected him with the Carpenters Training Institute (CTI), where [he] met with coordinators and was referred to an employer. The counselor helped develop [his] resume and conducted two mock interviews with him. As a result, [he] landed a job with Spec7 Group LLC as a full-time Apprentice, earning \$27/hour with full benefits. He is grateful for the assistance with his interviewing skills, which helped him secure the job. [He] enjoys working with the crew and the foreman and is pleased to be earning \$10 more per hour than his previous job at Cub Foods. He works 8 hours per day, Monday through Friday.