

VR Success Story: Reving up the Family Business



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DEVIN'S SUCESS STORY

Location: Blackfoot, Idaho

Occupation: RV Technician & Inspector

Training Site: Texas National RV Training Academy

Business: Austin RV, LLC

Industry: RV Repairs & Inspections/ Parts & Rentals

"With Devin and his new certification that he obtained with VR support, we are able to greatly expand the RV services we are able to offer." – Greg, Austin RV, LLC Business Owner



"Voc Rehab helped me so much with getting my training and gaining the skills I need to grow our business and serve our community. The staff at Voc Rehab were great and helped me so much during the process. – Devin, VR Customer

- Devin was referred to Vocational Rehabilitation by his teacher at Blackfoot High School in January 2022, which enabled him to participate in a variety of services to support his transition from high school to the workforce. During high school, Devin engaged in Job Exploration Counseling, Reality Town, and the Tools for Life programs with VR.
- Prior to graduating from high school, Devin recognized the long-term benefits of VR to achieve his career goals. Because of the value of VR services that Devin engaged in, he applied for adult services in February 2024.
- Upon Devin's graduation from high school in May 2024, Devin and his counselor identified his vocational goal to become a RV service technician. Devin and his VR counselor identified the National RV Training Academy in Texas where he took part in the advanced RV Service Technician program, RV solar and generator training, and RV certified inspector program from September thru November 2024.

"We're thrilled to spotlight Devin as this week's standout student at NRVTA! Devin has shown exceptional dedication and a passion for learning throughout the courses, always going above and beyond in every challenge. His commitment to mastering the skills needed to excel in the RV industry is truly inspiring." – National RV Training Academy

- Upon Devin's return from training, he started working with his family RV Rental business in December 2024. They expanded the family business to include in-house fleet repair and the ability for RV owners to work with Devin for their private RV repairs.
- Because of Devin's specific set of skills and expertise, the family business has experienced significant growth. The business is building a new shop and work area specifically for his repair side of the business. Since the expansion of the business, Devin has received numerous customer requests for RV repairs and pre-purchase inspections.
- Devin is now also performing mobile repairs and is traveling to surrounding areas to perform work. He plans to continue expanding this side of the business and envisions becoming a business partner in the future. His long-term goal is to sustain the growth of the business for many years to come.

"It's been my absolute pleasure to work with Devin during high school, as well as throughout graduation and then completion of his RV training program. Seeing him grow and develop skills that he can immediately use in employment has been amazing and inspiring. Devin's skillset has already fulfilled a need in our community for skilled RV repair and inspection services. I can't wait to see what his future holds." – Becca Freeburne, VR Counselor

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