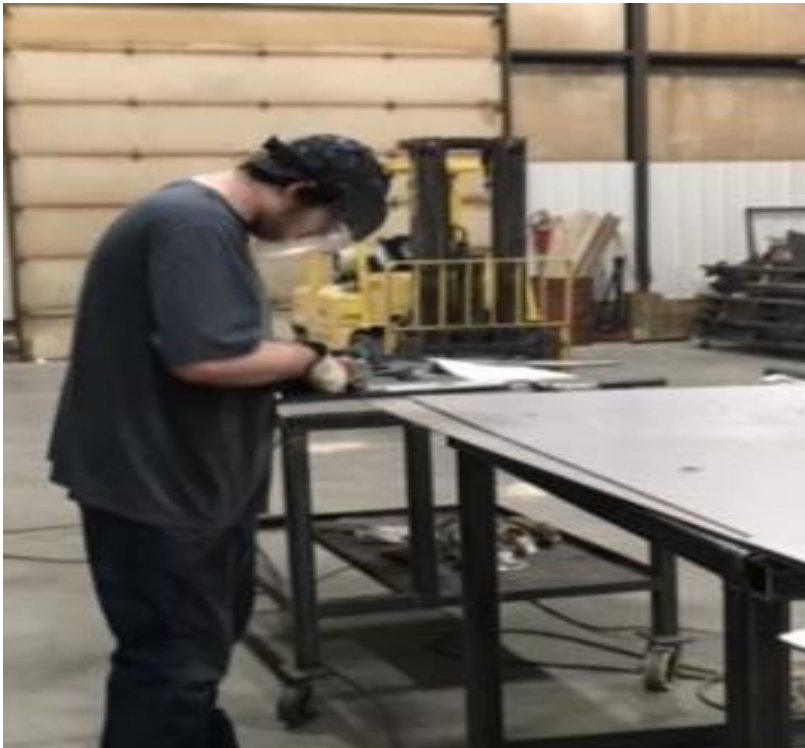


# VR Success Story: VR program brings change to young student's life



**IDVR Mission** is to prepare individuals with disabilities for employment and career opportunities while meeting the needs of the employers.

## CONNOR'S SUCCESS STORY

**Occupation: Welder**

**Employer: Eagle Rock Fabrication, Inc.**

**Location: Idaho Falls, ID**

**Credentials Obtained: Two Certificates in Welding Techniques**

**Hourly Wage: \$9.50**

**Weekly Hours: 40**

“Connor and his mom are really grateful for the assistance provided by Vocational Rehabilitation. Connor has gained work and social skills that have increased his self-esteem and confidence to be a productive member of society. Connor is doing what he loves and earning a wage that will help him become independent.”

**Carol Foutz, VR Counselor**

- Connor wanted to be a welder but struggled with his work and social skills
- Applied for VR program and received **individualized vocational counseling and guidance**
- Participated in IDVR **work-based learning experience - job and social skills training**
- Graduated from Bonneville Technical High School
- Took evening classes at College of Eastern Idaho through the **Workforce Training program**. Earned two welding certificates.
- With IDVR's assistance, started **on-the-job (OJT) training** at Eagle Rock Fabrication, Inc.
- He now works in a full-time position at Eagle Rock Fabrication, Inc.
- He is motivated to pursue his career in welding and plans to live independently in his own apartment

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