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 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

“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