

Centralina Workforce Development Board

- **Mission Statement:**

We help Centralina businesses expand and thrive through a globally competitive workforce. Our public and private sector community leaders are regionally focused, locally driven, and dedicated to providing innovative employment and training strategies.

- **Vision Statement:**

We ensure every business can compete in the global economy with an exceptional workforce that meets and exceeds the demands of the region's growth. We build sustainable public and private partnerships and attract ongoing funding to expand and diversify the regional economy.



Centralina NEXGEN Services Gets Young Adult on Track With Immediate Training Opportunities and Work Experience

Tenchi Moua, Centralina NEXGEN Young Adult Customer from the Resource Development



Center (RDC) in Albemarle, NC began receiving Centralina NEXGEN Services in September of 2015. Moua's initial goals were set for employment as soon as possible. His major priority when joining NEXGEN was to include part-time paid work experiences and occupational skills training at **Stanly Community College (SCC)**. At the beginning of enrollment, Moua was interested in Physical Therapy and a Nursing Certification and still interested in this career path today.

Since 2015 Moua has been very active in the Resource Development Center's events such as its Job Club, skills workshop, leadership development activities, volunteer events, and a host of others. He has been very active in attending NEXGEN Council meetings and has attended both the 2016 and 2017 North Carolina Youth Summits.

Moua has recently completed his Nurse's Aide I training at SCC and will be taking his state certification test soon. Due to the help, he has received from Centralina NEXGEN Services he has been hired at Hope Medical Associates to assist in their new patient records data system. Moua still intends to continue his education in the Medical field and eventually specialize in Physical Therapy.

The Centralina Workforce Development Board, the NEXGEN Council and the Resource Development Center are all very proud of Tenchi Moua as he is a great role model for other NEXGEN Young Adults.

For more information regarding Centralina NEXGEN contact, Solomon McAuley, Centralina NEXGEN Specialist at smcauley@centralina.org.



A Former Dislocated Worker's Life is Transformed with Years of Assistance from the Centralina Workforce Services System as a Career Seeker and Employer

Bill Adams a resident of Lincoln County entered the **Centralina Workforce Services** as a Dislocated Worker in Dec 2008 after being laid off from Pinnix Inc. in Gastonia, NC. For years, he was coming into the **NCWorks Career Center-Lincoln** regularly looking for employment with the help of **Anthony "Tony" Simpson, Center Leader at the NCWorks Career Center-Lincoln**. Centralina WDB sponsored Adams for Information Systems Security Associates degree. While Adams was a straight "A" student his entire time in school, he took a job with IKEA working in their security department. Later, he left IKEA and took a job with Freightliner in Salisbury (Rowan County) with the help of the folks at the **NCWorks Career Center-Lincoln**.

After working at Freightliner for a short time, he came back to the Center in Lincolnton to receive assistance looking for another place of employment. Eventually he began working at Spantek Expanded Metal in Lincolnton, NC. Adams started out at the company as a regular employee and eventually worked his way up to Production Manager.

Adams used the NCWorks Career Center-Lincoln and NCWorks.gov during his career transition for many years but also as a source for seeking new employees once he was hired at Spantek Expanded Metal. As an employer now on the other side of the table, he participates in job fairs hosted by the NCWorks Career Center-Lincoln frequently, because he values what Centralina Workforce Services has done for him over the years as a career seeker and employer. Adams feels that the services he's received, opened opportunities for him that he may not have had otherwise.

The Centralina Workforce Development Board and the NCWorks Career Center-Lincoln are both proud of Bill Adams and the continued success he's achieved through the NCWorks Career Center system.

For more information regarding dislocated worker or adult services at Centralina NCWorks Career Centers visit our website, at www.centralinaworks.com or contact Sherika Rich, Centralina WDB Services Specialist at srich@centralinaworks.com.