Michigan Works! is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center: 711 Voice and TDD. Michigan Works! is a proud partner of American Job Centers. Supported by the State of Michigan and federal funds.

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Want to become a community partner?  
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Offender Success
Serving Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties in Southwest Michigan
OUR VISION:
“That every offender released from prison will have the tools needed to succeed in the community and the opportunity to utilize those tools to be productive, self-sufficient citizens.”

OUR MISSION:
“Reduce crime by implementing a seamless plan of services, supervision, and opportunities developed with each offender and delivered through state and regional collaboration with the goal of obtaining employment and self-sufficiency.”

Offender Success is a statewide program implemented by the Michigan Department of Corrections that assists recently paroled offenders transitioning back into society. We provide services to meet the needs of participants, thereby reducing their risk of recidivism and enhancing their employment opportunities. The services we provide include:

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**
Resume review, job search assistance, work-readiness, and On-The-Job Training funds for participants.

**RESIDENTIAL STABILITY**
Parole-agent approved housing, including random site visits from an agent or housing contractor to increase accountability.

**HEALTH & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**
Referral to classes that can assist with recovery from substance abuse, addiction, and unhealthy thought processes.

**SOCIAL SUPPORT**
Provide resources and guidance to obtain items necessary for basic human needs such as clothing, bedding, hygiene items, food, vital identification documents, and transportation.

OUR SERVICE AREA
We serve Region 8. This includes Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties.

REAL PEOPLE. REAL SUCCESS.

Meet Darren. When he paroled out of prison June 2018, he was enrolled in the Offender Success program. He has taken advantage of many of the services provided to him through Offender Success such as: employment services, transportation, social support, and housing assistance. Darren is now employed full-time with benefits including a 401k, health insurance, and vacation time. In addition, Darren was able to work with our housing specialist, create a budget, and move into his own place. Darren is a perfect example of overcoming barriers and utilizing the benefits provided by Offender Success.