

# PARTICIPANT HIGHLIGHT

## Mayson's Story

Mayson distinguished himself in the program by demonstrating a commitment to focusing on his future and leveraging opportunities available to him. Referred to the program by a community partner, Mayson had a history of substance abuse that led to involvement in the criminal justice system. He had successfully completed Young Adult Court, resulting in the dismissal and sealing of his felony charge, however Mayson still faced a lack of overall stability and a clear path forward. Mayson was experiencing homelessness, had no involvement in his son's life, and did not have a valid driver's license. Acting on the advice of his former probation officer, he enrolled in the Heart Ministries Fresh Start program, where he honed essential job and life skills, obtained his driver's license, and was able to reestablish a relationship with his son. As the program neared its conclusion, his case manager submitted a referral to Project Reset for co-enrollment:

**DAY 1** Attended Orientation  
Paired with Mentor

**DAY 2** Completed Elevate Training  
*Basic Hand & Power Tools and How to read a Tape Measure*

**DAY 7** Completed OSHA 10 Certification  
*2 Day, 10 hour safety course*

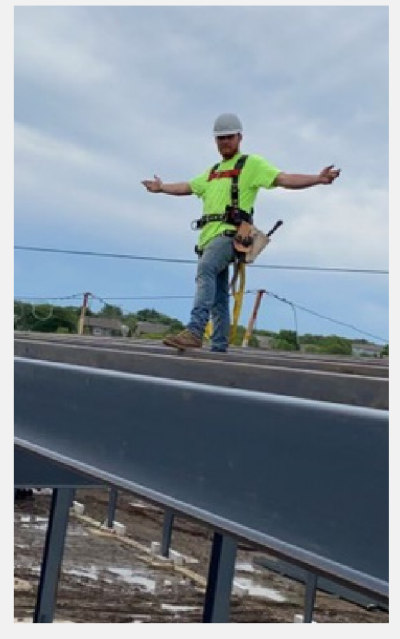
**DAY 19** Attended a tour of the Ironworkers Local  
21 Union Hall and met with representatives

Mayson worked with his mentor to identify his skilled trade career goal with exposure and exploration into different fields. He attended program workshops including Evolve and Resiliency. Evolve helps participants focus on employment readiness skills and understanding the unwritten rules of the workplace. Resiliency helps participants tap into their mental strength and challenges them to develop healthy responses to adversity. Mayson identified Ironwork as his career pathway and he worked with his mentor to prepare himself to apply for their apprenticeship. The first step in the process was to apply for a pre-apprentice position and obtain his transcripts and proof of his GED.

**DAY 25** Applied for a Pre-Apprentice  
Position with Ironworkers Local 21

**DAY 29** Selected for the Pre-Apprentice  
Position with Ironworkers Local 21

Project Reset provided tools, work boots, and gear he needed to be successful on his first day of work. Mayson created a transportation plan with his mentor which included transportation assistance. He continued to attend workshops and engage in supportive services.



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You have helped me very much and I want to tell you thank you for supporting and believing in me.

-Mayson

**DAY 36** Started 1st Day of Work  
\$24.98/hr + Benefits

**DAY 56** Focused on Financial Health  
Bought 1st vehicle

**DAY 61** Graduated from Heart  
Ministries Fresh Start

**DAY 115** Applied for the Ironworkers  
Apprenticeship Program

**DAY 127** Completed Panel  
Interview

**DAY 134** Accepted into  
Apprenticeship

**DAY 176** Started his first day of work as a first year Ironworker Apprentice with Local 21 and is now a Peer Mentor for the program. He helped start the first support and recovery meeting at the Ironworker Union hall and most importantly he is a full time father.