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From Determination to Opportunity: A WorkNet Success Story

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Linette, a resident of Lodi, came to the Lodi WorkNet Center seeking support in securing employment after completing her college education. Despite her academic accomplishments, she had struggled to find a job in her field and felt uncertain about her next steps. Accompanied by her mother, who is a dedicated farmworker that had made tremendous sacrifices to support her daughter's education, Linette was determined to turn her hard work into a meaningful career. Her goal was clear: to find stable employment that would allow her to build a better future for herself while honoring the sacrifices her family had made.

At the WorkNet Center, Linette was introduced to available programs and services designed to support her employment journey. As the daughter of a farmworker, she qualified for the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP), which provided her with access to targeted support and resources. With the guidance of her case manager, Lorena, Linette completed all required assessments and received ongoing encouragement and direction throughout the process. Her resume was then referred to a Job Developer, which led to an opportunity through the Work Experience (WEX) program. Linette secured a position as an office clerk at a law office, where she gained valuable hands-on experience and strengthened her professional skills while continuing to pursue long-term career goals.

Shortly after, Linette learned of an opening with WorkNet and applied. Her preparation, work ethic, and growing confidence paid off, and she was offered a part-time position as a Program Assistant. Within just two months, Linette's strong performance and dedication earned her a promotion to a full-time role as an Intake and Referral Specialist, complete with full benefits and a steady income of \$20.18 per hour.

Today, Linette has achieved the stability she once sought and is on a clear path toward long-term career growth in workforce development. Her success has not only transformed her own future but also stands as a testament to her family's sacrifices and unwavering support.

Reflecting on her journey, Linette shared:

“Coming to WorkNet gave me the confidence to apply for more jobs, and I feel fortunate to have found a position with the county where I can continue to grow my skills while serving the community. Having this job has provided me with stability, a clear sense of direction, and has made me feel more confident about my future.”

Linette's story highlights the power of perseverance, family support, and access to the right resources. Through WorkNet, she was able to turn uncertainty into opportunity; building not just a career, but a future filled with purpose and possibility.