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### **Dislocated Worker uses lay off to accomplish goals – By: Tia Anderson**

Like many Marshall County residents, Stacey Adams has experienced the emotions and feelings that come with being laid off. In 2007, Stacey came to the Tennessee Career Center at Marshall County with the goal of obtaining his GED and enrolling in truck driving school. Within three weeks, Stacey successfully completed truck driving school. However, he was short three points in passing the math portion of his GED. With his new CDL A credentials in hand, Stacey quickly found employment at a local manufacturing company as a truck driver. After one year of steady work, Stacey found himself without a job... for the second time. Not giving into discouragement, Stacey came to the Tennessee Career Center and found out about the GED Plus Program. He immediately signed up and passed his math portion of the test. Stacey received a \$500.00 incentive known as GED Plus.

GED Plus is a special program offered by South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance to eligible participants who have dropped out of school. The program promotes the need and advantages of earning a GED and how important that credential is when entering the modern workforce.

In addition to the GED incentive, participants may be eligible for additional funds for meeting employment or post secondary goals. For more information regarding the GED Plus Program, please contact Tia Anderson or Jamie Ledford at the Career Center at (931) 359-9726. The Tennessee Career Center would like to congratulate Stacey on a job well done!

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