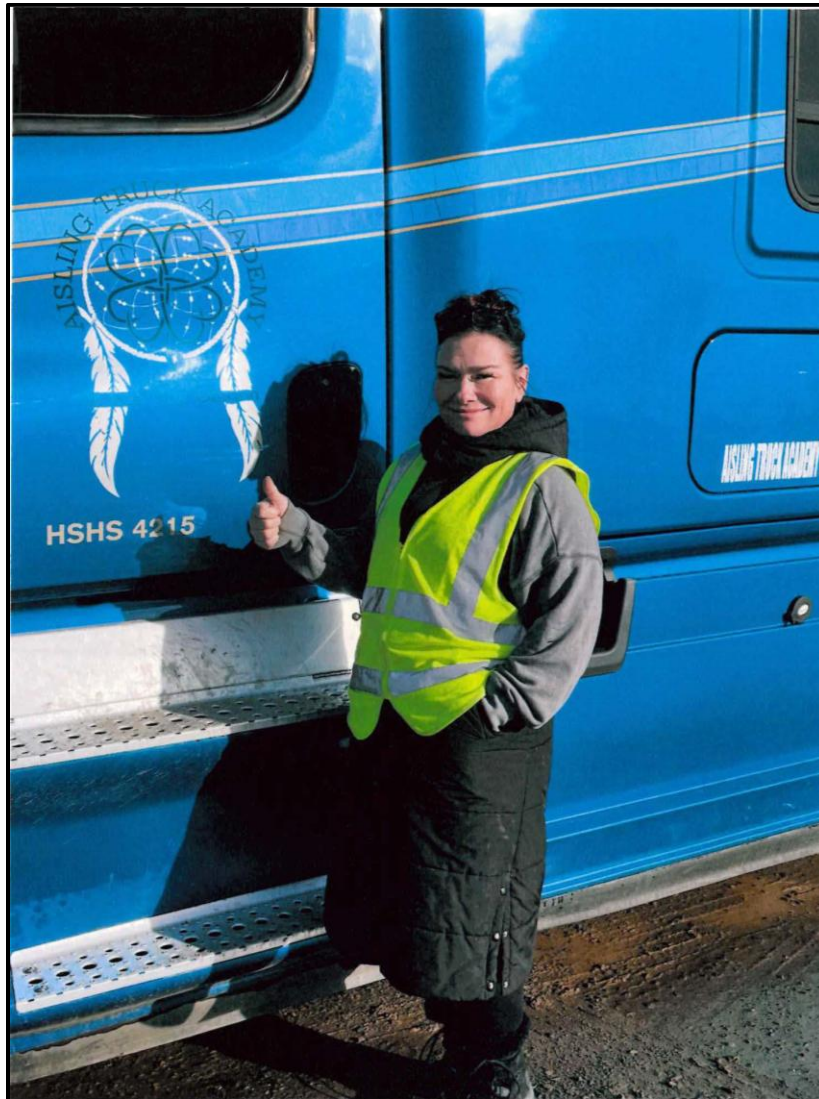


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“STEP has given me access to training that will open the door to much better employment without having to leave the area. Having better employment means safe housing, better medical care, healthy food, and stability. It’s more than just a job; it’s an opportunity for a better life!”

*Misty
WorkSource Rogue Valley*

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The job that I was doing was not available here in Southern Oregon. I was a healthcare worker for three decades. After COVID and changes in the healthcare industry, I could no longer stand to work in that field. I was burnt out completely.

I was trying to live off very low-paying service jobs. I needed a skilled trade that was in demand for Oregon, otherwise my option was to leave Southern Oregon and move to where industry has more opportunities.

At the time I decided to pursue a new career, I was serving biscuits and gravy, listening to truck drivers tell me their stories. I became absolutely interested when my store got a new female delivery driver who changed her life after earning her commercial drivers license (CDL). The CDL is one of the most versatile licenses that a working American can have – there are so many fields that a person can go into with being a CDL holder.

I came to WorkSource looking for better employment opportunities, apprenticeships, anything. I was so happy to have worked with some really professional, encouraging, and knowledgeable people at the Grants Pass WorkSource center. The meetings I had with WorkSource staff really provided me with a clear direction in order to pursue my new career in transportation.

The best part of the program is seeing closed doors open and real-life barriers to better employment removed. It really gives a person with little or no opportunities hope.

I could absolutely not have pursued my CDL without WorkSource.

Misty is now employed as a Bus Driver in Southern Oregon.