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WorkSource Gresham*

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Sarah first engaged with WorkSource Gresham in January 2025, after learning about STEP from another organization. At the time, Sarah was focused on pursuing her future career goals to provide a better future for herself.

When asked about her experience with WorkSource, Sarah said, “I was surprised at the help and financial assistance that was out there to help me go to school and get a job. I wouldn’t have been able to do it without WorkSource”.

One thing I learned from this experience is that if you are willing to put in the work on your part and with assistance from this program, you can have a future without financial difficulty. I feel excited to get out to work and use my skills. This program is life-changing. This is a new chapter in my book.

I am now working as a Sterile Processing Technician. I feel dedicated, empowered, and confident, like I am a contributing member of society.

The best part of the program was my mentor, Jennie. She was amazing! She truly cared about my future.

If I met someone in the same place I was before I worked with WorkSource, I would tell them to run with it to get help with obstacles that are hindering you from your future. If you want help, it’s there, even if you are single, with no kids, which has been a barrier in my past.

When asked how STEP services could improve, she said, “Keep doing what you are doing, changing one life at a time.”