



## Success Story

### Persistence (and a Good Resume) Pays Off

Laszlo worked in drywalling for 25 years, relying on his solid reputation and a shortage of qualified workers with his skill and experience to maintain full time employment in the field.

When the economic downturn hit Canada in 2009, the construction industry came to a screeching halt, and Laszlo found himself out of work.

Laszlo came to JobWave for support following 2-months of independent job search while on Income Assistance.

After meeting with his case coordinator Maureen, Laszlo began attending Job Seekers' Club. His first step was creating a personalized Participant Plan, which helps identify areas of strengths, as well as possible areas of weakness.

While Laszlo recognized his strengths lay in his ability to do the work, he quickly realized that he had not updated his resume in several years, which was a barrier to his current job search.

Laszlo approached Job Seekers' Club with a positive attitude and was eager to use the information he obtained in the sessions to conduct a thorough and informed job search, and to assist him in overcoming his job search barriers.

With the help of his facilitators and case coordinator, Laszlo updated his resume and created a cover letter that showcased his experience and abilities.

Job Seekers' Club encompasses an intensive services component; Laszlo remained happy, pleasant and diligent every day to put what he was learning into practice. He says JobWave helped him the most in "understanding clearly how to do a resume properly."

Laszlo's determination and positive attitude quickly paid off and he secured full time employment as a drywaller after participating in Job Seekers' Club for 5 full days (10 modules). His advice to others: "Be persistent!"

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