

BridgeValley

# SUCCESS STORIES



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Before BridgeValley Community & Technical College, I was struggling to find a stable career. Barriers from my past were keeping me from gainful employment, and every time I thought I had found a good job, it ended up being a dead end. I have three children and knew that despite the struggle, I had to find a new career.

One day at a checkup with my primary care physician, we were talking about life and work. I told her about my job search and she mentioned that I would make a great Recovery Coach, which is an individual who partners with and supports a person with substance use disorders. She suggested that I look into the Recovery Coach Academy at BridgeValley.

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**From the moment I walked in the door, everyone at BridgeValley was so kind. The staff went above and beyond every time I had a question or concern.**

When I attended the Recovery Coach Academy, I was breastfeeding at the time. To ensure that I was fully accommodated, they provided me with a quiet room where I could pump privately. It was such a small thing, but it made a huge difference in my level of comfort.

I believe it's true that traditional college isn't for everyone, but BridgeValley is different. They offer several trade programs, as well as providing so many resources to make sure you have everything you need to succeed. They provide advisors and tutors for every subject who work with you one-on-one. I encourage everyone to try out BridgeValley, even if they think college isn't right for them.

Now I work at BridgeValley as a Collegiate Recovery Coach. I love working there because I can see firsthand that BridgeValley is the epitome of what it means to be a

community college. They actually get involved and collaborate with the community. The college is always hosting activities and events and inviting the community to be a part - it is so heartwarming! I love seeing the involvement and growth, and I especially love being part of the BridgeValley team!

**- Annette Johnson,  
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