

One Dad in particular who makes a difference is Leon Culley, a recent graduate in heavy equipment operation (through McMurray Training Center) and truck driving (Class A commercial driver's license through Sage Technical Services). Leon was impressive from the gate – his interview was engaging, his work ethic admirable, and his leadership skills impressive. He and his peers were allowed to take some extensive testing, usually reserved for advanced certification, to see what would lie ahead for them if they continued to study and improve on their base knowledge in the workplace. Leon passed test after test, setting the bar for the rest of the group.



What's most engaging about Leon is his enthusiasm. "[Dads Making a Difference has changed everything for me. I used to see closed doors everywhere, and now all I see is opportunities.](#)" Leon is currently employed and he loves his job. He says his employers appreciate him and never hesitate to tell him when he's doing well. "Getting this training has helped Leon see what's possible," says Tammy Howard, Program Coordinator "It's a great fit, for a great guy. I believe he is management material, and we'll see wonderful things in Leon's future. It's so nice to see someone who is grateful for his training, who works hard to put that training to use, and who constantly looks for ways to support his peers and 'pay it forward' to the community." *July 2010*