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Salina Adult Education Center has had a fantastic experience working with DCF employment services. As Partners 4 Success got off the ground this past year, the Employment Services team both locally and at the state level have been by our side the entire time. Together we have worked to build relationships and a sense of trust with employers with adult education and DCF that I have not ever seen in our community. There is a synergy in our community in regards to supporting DCF clients to move forward with opportunities that allow them to grow personally but most importantly, gain skills and tools to not only gain employment but also retain employment.

In Salina, employment opportunities are gained at large and small employers including our local school district as well as companies including our hospital, Schwan's, Crestwood, Grain Belt, Kasa Companies and various other programs. We along with our DCF employment services partners work together to build confidence and self-efficacy in these clients which also affects the children in the home of the students in our classes. We are able to affect a family, not just an individual. I will continue to stand beside our DCF employment services counterparts as it has been one of the best partnerships I have been privileged to be a part of.

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