



Seneca County  
WIA Youth Success Story  
May is One Stop Month  
May, 2011

Brandon Mead became involved with the Seneca County Workforce Youth Programs when he was a sophomore in high school. He attended Independent Living Skills classes and participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program. In 2009, he was enrolled in the Seneca County Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program by Youth Counselor, Deb McGrimley. Deb has helped Brandon gain valuable work skills through his participation in the Work Experience program and by attending several job readiness workshops facilitated by the Finger Lakes Community College Bridge Program. Brandon was in foster care for several years and his former foster care parents, Carol and Fred Laun of Waterloo, have continued to make Brandon a part of their family. They have provided a good home, support, and care to Brandon.

Brandon has matured into a responsible and caring young man. His favorite past time is fishing. Brandon has achieved many successes in the past few years; completing the welding program through Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, earning his Lifeguard Certification, and working for the Youth Bureau Swim Program this past summer. He recently successfully completed his freshman year at Alfred State College, majoring in welding. Through the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board's Internship Program, Brandon has been offered a paid summer internship at Gould's Pumps in the welding department and will be starting his new job this May.