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Before New Choices, I was a 53 year old woman who had worked my entire life. I have held only two jobs during that time. After working for 30 years, I found myself unemployed due to company downsizing. I tried to take all the 'right' steps: file for unemployment, sign up for CareerLink, write my résumé, job search, and fill out applications. Not finding employment, I felt lost, and I needed guidance.

As I began this enlightening program, quickly realizing that this was not just about schooling, but about teaching women their worth and building confidence to succeed. I discover that I had skills I could use in many careers. I rediscovered the confidence that I lost with losing my job. My New Choices class developed a bond of sisterhood between different backgrounds all realizing their potential, their dreams, and setting goals of achievement together. We all left being self-assured in our new found confidence.

I am moving forward on my journey, knowing I can and will accomplish my goals. I will be taking classes at CareerLink to enhance the skills I have and to add to those skills.

Any woman would benefit from the New Choices Program. Empowering people to succeed is their goal, and accomplishing that goal means success. I will share the lessons I have learned at New Choices that were a vital part of my growth and a cornerstone of my life to everyone who will listen.

Since my successful completion of New Choices, I have secured a Dining Room Manager position at Willow Valley Retirement Community.