

Inland Region

**Santa Clara County
NOVA Job Center, Sunnyvale**



Since he was a little boy, Joseph Revoier loved using his imagination and creativity to build things. So it's no wonder Joseph went into the construction industry. "It's great to see big chunks of progress, to see a team put a house together," Joseph said. In the span of a 30-year career, Joseph helped build 3,000 homes.

But when the housing market collapsed in 2008, Joseph was left jobless. Through the recession, he held odd jobs – including working in retail and managing a wine bar – to pay the bills. When his most recent employer closed its doors and he was laid off, Joseph decided it was time to go back to the industry he grew up in and loved. Only this time around, he found it harder to get his foot back in the door. "It was all new to me," said Joseph. "There were so many changes in the workforce."

He turned to the High Desert America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM (AJCC) in San Bernardino County, where he learned to beef up his résumé, polish his interview skills, and translate his decades of work experience into selling points for today's workplace.

Workshops offered at the AJCC taught Joseph how to job hunt with a new and fresh approach. Joseph said the workshops also helped his self-esteem and taught him to have a positive mindset to succeed. After more than six months working with counselors at the High Desert AJCC, Joseph landed a job with Frontier Communities. Recently, he was promoted to construction superintendent, and today, he oversees 200 trades, including foremen, supervisors and construction workers. Joseph is back doing what he loves: building. And this time around, he's rebuilding his life as well. "I love working with people," Joseph said. "I love seeing a homeowner and the 'wow' affect when they see their home for the first time."