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Oxnard America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM

Unemployed at age 59, Daniel Vera thought his working days might be over. But Andrea Sanchez, manager of Employment Development Department's Oxnard America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM (AJCC), had other plans for Daniel.

Sanchez helped Daniel with his job search by connecting him with benefits and re-employment services offered through the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, a federal program that provides aid to qualified workers who lose their jobs or whose work hours or wages are reduced as a result of increased imports.

Through the Oxnard AJCC, Daniel also attended workshops in résumé writing and interviewing skills, and received career exploration and counseling services, job development contacts with employers, and job referrals.

It worked – Daniel's obstacles to employment were overcome, and he's now a manager-in-training at Health Care Services Group in Oxnard. Through the TAA program, Daniel also qualifies for Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance, a wage subsidy for up to two years available to qualified reemployed older workers. The assistance covers a portion of the difference between a worker's new wage and their old wage.