

Garner came to the Foley Career Center in June 2021 seeking full-time employment. He was eligible through WIOA and placed in On-the-Job Training with the City of Foley. He had previously been employed with various restaurants in the area and was looking for something with more responsibility and benefits.

"Having spent my entire adult life jumping from job to job in dead end kitchen positions, I realized I was treading water. I didn't know where I was headed, if anywhere. I decided cooking was not the profession for me anymore. I can cook at home every day. I took a job with the local Walmart and ended up in asset protection.

After three years in this position, I had formed numerous relationships with the men and women of the Foley Police Department. A position at the Foley jail came available and I was encouraged to apply for the position. I did. I got the job!

I was then enrolled in an On-the-Job Training program by Kristi at the Alabama Career Center, to help with hands on, practical training that would help me succeed in my new profession as a Corrections Officer. I'm almost a year in and my training is still rolling in. Whether it's field sobriety testing, taser use and safety, leadership, de-escalation or CPR, the training I have received has allowed me to flourish in my new career. I can't wait to see what the future holds!"

-KIP GARNER

City of Foley Corrections Officer

## **WAY TO GO GARNER.. MUCH SUCCESS!**

## WHO WE ARE

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