



Matt Underhile
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Mr. Underhile is 47 years old and completed his adult high school diploma in March 2020 through his participation in Missouri's MoExcels Workforce Initiative, which is partly funded with TANF non-assistance dollars. As a youth, Mr. Underhile lost both of his parents during his freshman year of high school and quickly dropped out of school and fell into a life of drugs. For almost all his life he worked inconsistent odd jobs and construction for cash with no employment benefits. During this time, he struggled to make his child support payments and support himself.

Mr. Underhile found out about the Missouri Excel program on Facebook and started classes in March 2019. MoExcels helped him re-start and eventually graduate high school. While enrolled, Matt participated in all things the Excel Center offered including Career Day where local businesses to presented what employment at their business looked like, what they were looking for in employees, and how to get a job. Matt also participated in Coffee Club, where graduates gathered to discuss obstacles, provide support, encouragement, and networking. MoExcels helped Mr. Underhile find a job as a correction officer where he is now a shift supervisor. Matt also works at the local drug court helping individuals like him deal with their addictions and get back to work. Today Mr. Underhile is married and supports his family of 4 children.