

Odyssey House

Luis came to the Odyssey House office seeking assistance with employment. After several unsuccessful attempts, Luis found a position as a longshoreman working at night. The following day Luis returned to the office stating he needed something more stable because he only worked two hours the previous night.

Luis took on a job search and found a position with a disaster relief clean-up and started work the same day. A week later Luis called to say the job was going well and he needed assistance with finding adequate housing.

With the assistance of the Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative (PRI) staff, Luis found adequate housing and opened a new bank account less than thirty days after being released from prison. He also secured a cell phone and attended two Life Skills Training sessions held at Odyssey House.

In early September the crew Luis was working with was laid off due to an infraction and Luis immediately began searching for a new position; however, two days later Luis was called back to work with another crew although the rest of his crew was not re-hired.

Luis continued working with this crew and his pay rate was raised from \$10.00 per hour to \$13.58 per hour. Currently, Luis works forty hours per week and thirty plus hours overtime at \$20.37 per hour. He has been named crew manager and has a crew of five working under his supervision.