

# GOOD JOBS ARE GREAT INVESTMENTS



IMPROVING JOB QUALITY  
AND BUSINESS OUTCOMES



Knowing that meaningful change is created by committed people acting together, Gabriel Garcia and his team at the local Petco have created work experiences and expanded opportunities for many local youth. Gabriel has been working closely with the FRWDB Manchester Center Workforce Connection office since 2013, matching their retail work experience requirements with youth who have been pre-qualified by taking and passing comprehensive vetting tests.

After participants pass rigorous hard and soft skill assessment regimen for retail workers, Gabriel's PETCO team provides specific animal handling training and qualifying participants are selected and assigned their roles and tasks in the PETCO store, with aptitude and safety as priorities.

Almost all of the participants have gained their first experience working with the general public through this initiative, and almost as many have also experienced the joy of working with animals for the first time!

"Gabriel's dedication to training and motivating youth helps them excel, move to permanent employment and earn promotions from there."

