AFTER DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REFERRAL:

Students will be given an assessment.

⇒ SAGE/TABE
⇒ Learning Styles
⇒ Interest Inventory

Students will then meet with a Career Counselor for a Vocational Career Plan Development.

⇒ Adult Basic Education
⇒ Life Skills Training
⇒ Vocational Training
⇒ Job Readiness Training

The student’s needs will be determined and supportive services will then be established.

⇒ Transportation, Repairs
⇒ Dental Care
⇒ Clothing-School/Job
⇒ Uniforms, Tools & Supplies
⇒ Books, Tuition (certain restrictions apply)
⇒ Student Fees & dues

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A program to help you in your New Beginning.
New Beginning is a program that offers new opportunities for Kay and Osage County residents who receive public assistance. The program is through Pioneer Technology Center and located in Ponca City, Oklahoma. It is one of 22 TANF programs throughout the state of Oklahoma resulting from a partnership between the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Department of Vocational and Technical Education. TANF is the acronym for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and was formerly known as AFDC. County DHS offices refer clients to the program; then, one-year of vocational training is permitted to equip clients with the skills they need to secure employment.

New Beginning serves a variety of clients with different educational needs. All clients are assessed for achievement and aptitude and are tested to determine their learning styles and interests. This equips Pioneer Technology Center to place the students more appropriately in the program where the student will most likely experience success. After career counseling, a personalized career plan is developed that may include GED classes, Life Management Skills classes, and/or Vocational Training. In addition to these services, the program offers extensive supportive services to the clients. Clients are offered encouragement, problem solving and decision-making assistance, and job placement by the two-person program. During the client’s vocational year, the program works with that student to remove barriers such as no transportation, child care issues, unresolved marital or legal issues, etc. A vast network consisting of county agencies and non-profit organizations provides the program with guidance and client assistance as needed.

New Beginning helps clients focus on moving in a positive direction. Program completer’s move on to employment in their related fields and many consider furthering their education at college. Through New Beginning, Pioneer Technology Center is offering students the chance not only to dream, but to make their dreams a reality.