## STORIES OCWB



## Denise Whitehurst-Banks

Denise Whitehurst-Banks is thriving! She is a three-year participant at the Office of Community Wealth Building's Career Station. Denise is a single parent of three children who has utilized the OCWB thriving model to increase her training skills and obtain valuable employment. She received several credentials through our program: OSHA and Forklift. Denise also earned an Associates degree in Human Services from SUNY Ulster Community College.

Recently, Ms. Banks has achieved a milestone in her life by becoming a first-time homeowner effective the end-August 2021. Indeed, this has been a huge accomplishment for her and her three children, who have lived in public housing for three years. Denise has budgeted, paid off collection accounts, fed her family, and worked multiple jobs to purchase her first home. Today, Denise works as a Human Resources Manager for a life insurance company in Richmond, Virginia.

