

**This is Donna's success story as told by her, with her permission.**



My name is Donna Turcotte. I live in Albuquerque. I have kept my job with CVI Laser for seven years. I was hired on February 2, 1999. I just celebrated my seven-year anniversary. I did it because I have confidence in myself and I have made good friends at work. They are co-workers but we also go to dinners and concerts together. I try to do most things myself or go to my supervisor. Sometimes I go to my job coach if I need to. When I can't talk to someone at work I get advice from my home-based providers. I work in the Quality Control Department. The laser parts we make are used to help people who have cataracts. They are glass parts. I inspect boxes that hold the parts for cracks. We can't use cracked boxes. Then I put foam in the lid and inserts into the bottom of the box. I feel proud when my co-workers need a certain amount of boxes and I make them. I would say do the best you can. Work things out on your own. Be confident. Get help when you need it.