
MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: AALIYA

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My name is Aaliyah (Aly) and I have been involved with the Youth Program at Workforce Development Inc. (WDI) since June of 2012. I was introduced to Jenae and Kevin through another program at the United Way. I attended a job readiness class taught by Jenae and Kevin to help me prepare for a job shadowing program. After completion of the training I joined the Youth Program at WDI. A short while later, Jenae and Kevin interviewed and hired me to work as an Office Assistant at WDI. When I heard this news I was excited because I was not working and had trouble finding a job. I saw it as a huge opportunity for me to not just get some work experience, but also to work in a professional setting. While going through the hiring process I was able to utilize the skills I had recently learned from my job readiness training. At the same time I was also offered an

interview at Goodwill as a Cashier and with the help from Workforce Development Inc. I got the job! So as of today I am working as an Office Assistant at the WorkForce Center and I am also a strong and valued employee at Goodwill. I honestly learned a lot from Jenae and Kevin that helped me to get where I am. I now have skills and knowledge that I can use in the present and future and I am grateful for them!

This fall, Aly was added to the Youth Advisory Council of the Workforce Investment Board. Her participation is vital to the understanding of youth needs and development of services by this committee. Members of the Council greatly appreciate her fresh insight and voice to youth issues in Southeast Minnesota.

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