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## MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: LINDA

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### WSA 08 – SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, INC.

#### **LINDA** (NO Photo)

I grew up not really finding the passion to do anything or be anything. I was OK in a lot of the things I did but I never really found the motivation to push myself harder and be the best I could be. At the age of 17, I had a daughter and that made me grow up quick. It also made me postpone my dreams of college and having a career to look forward to. I needed to find a job that would pay the bills and expenses for me and my daughter, but I did not have a High School diploma or any work experience. I went into the WorkForce Center to look for a job and met the Youth Program Counselor who was very helpful. In a short time I had tested for the GED, earned a Certificate to prove to employers my academic skill level and was going to an interview for a good job.

My confidence soared when my counselor told me I had the highest GED scores of anyone who had ever tested through this program. Knowing that there are people who believe in me helped me to believe in myself. Now, I know that it's never too late to go back to school and get on the right path to a successful career and there are people who will help you get started if you let them.

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