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## MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: DANNIELLE

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Dannielle was originally enrolled in the WIA Younger Youth program to obtain work readiness skills. During her program participation she successfully completed a Work Experience, graduated high school and then went immediately into unsubsidized employment working at a fast food restaurant. At the time of her exit from the program, Dannielle expressed that she would eventually like to further her education but wanted to work for a while before going to school. In August of 2011, Dannielle got back into contact with Inter-County Community Council to inquire about assistance in obtaining her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license and was enrolled into the WIA Out-of-School Youth program. Dannielle received tuition assistance and also some support service funds to purchase scrubs for clinicals. While completing her educational program, Dannielle was placed in a Work Experience in the classroom at the Challenger Head Start Center which provided her with part-time temporary income while she completed her classes. She completed her CNA training at the end of 2011.

Through the WIA Out-of-School Youth program Dannielle was then placed in an On-the-Job Training (OJT) at the Thief River Falls Care Center working as a full-time Certified Nursing Assistant. Dannielle managed to do all of this while she was pregnant with her first child. She completed her OJT just in time to go on maternity leave when she had her baby boy at the end of February 2012. She took eight weeks of maternity leave and then returned to work full-time. Dannielle reports that she loves her job and is now able to financially support her new family. She was recently honored by the Resident's Council at her place of employment by being chosen as Employee of the Month in June 2012.

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