
MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: EMILY

WSA 03 – NORTHEAST MINNESOTA OFFICE OF JOB TRAINING

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AITKIN—Emily enrolled in the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training’s youth program because she was interested in pursuing a health care career. Emily has a passion for helping others and also wanted a career that would be able to support her life and family goals. As a single mother she knew that she would need to be able to provide for her family and still be able to spend quality time with them on a daily basis. After assessing her skills and goals, she decided that she would pursue training to become an LPN. Emily was concerned that she would not be able to afford school through federal loans alone; she would have to work more hours while raising her newborn child.



Emily was able to secure full time employment at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center after getting her LPN diploma.

Through tuition assistance from the WIA Youth Program, Emily was able to juggle school and her family. Shortly after graduating from Central Lakes College with her diploma in Practical Nursing, Emily was able to secure full time employment at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center. When asked about her current job and her future, Emily exclaimed “I am so excited; it will be a great foot in the door to a future in all my interests. They even offer tuition reimbursement for when I go back to finish my RN. Words cannot express how thankful I am for all the help and financing my employment counselors at the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training and the Workforce Center provided me.”

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