
MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: ALEXIS

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Alexis is a high school dropout working on her GED. CMJTS' youth employment specialist enrolled Alexis in the Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) to give her additional support and encouragement to complete her educational goals and to give Alexis opportunities to explore the world of work.

To date, Alexis has successfully passed two of the five GED tests and continues to work with Central Minnesota Adult Basic Education (ABE) to finish the last three.

Alexis also completed a work experience at Community Closet in Milaca. Her duties included cashiering, accepting donations, arranging displays, setting out products, cleaning, painting, filing paperwork, and mentoring another co-worker who had limited English-speaking skills. Her supervisor, Denise, said Alexis did a great job and commented that, “She grew a lot from when she first started”.

Alexis attended the 2011 Healthcare Academy in Milaca. Alexis said she really enjoyed the Academy and it helped her be more comfortable around people and to be more open.

In spring 2012, Alexis took customer service training offered by ABE in Cambridge and successfully passed an online test to earn the National Retail Federation Foundation's, *National Professional Certification in Customer Service*.

“Lexi has come a long way since I first met her,” said Janelle. “Besides continuing to work on her GED and work readiness skills, Lexi also joined TADA -Teens Against Dating Abuse. All these are positive signs.”

“CMJTS has helped me realize that being successful is not what others let you do, it is what you choose to do yourself,” said Alexis.