
MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: KIMBERLY

WSA 12 – Anoka County Job Training Center



As a participant in the 2011 Summer Youth Teen Parent Program, Kimberly was able to work on obtaining her GED while gaining valuable work and trade skills. Kimberly was referred to the program by her MFIP counselor and was interested in obtaining a customer service or clerical position. Prior to her placement at Fridley Optical, she only had four months retail experience.

While working at Fridley Optical, Kimberly was often the face of the business, greeting and checking in customers, answering the phones and assisting in every area. She was trained on how to grind lenses, assemble eyewear and fit frames for customers. Fridley Optical plans on offering Kimberly regular term employment as soon as she obtains her driver's license. The owner of Fridley Optical said that Kimberly's big smile and great attitude has been a hit with the customers. Kimberly is also planning to test for her GED in the near future. Her participation in the Teen Parent Program has increased her

marketability in the private sector, increased financial stability for herself and her son and helped her increase confidence in her skills and abilities.

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