

## SUCCESS STORY: ASHLEY



Ashley began her junior year of High School with poor attendance, choosing to regularly skip classes, miss tests and homework. Ashley was diagnosed with an Emotional Behavioral Disorder.

Ashley applied to the Minnesota Youth Program in the fall of 2011. She agreed to follow the requirement that students need to attend school and make progress towards graduation in order to earn a paid work experience job.

From talking with Ashley it's easy to see that her dream is to work with kids. After two weeks of perfect attendance at school, the Winona Youth Program arranged with Key Kids to give her a work experience. "Ashley has excelled. Her attitude, demeanor, and general participation in school completely changed," said Ashley's teacher. Ashley reported that now she has motivation to go to school, because if she doesn't attend school she can't go to work. Key Kids

supervisor, Linda Olson, said that "Ashley is one of the best student workers they've had" and has already discussed hiring her directly after graduation. Ashley has made so much of an improvement in her school work that she has made up credits and is close to graduating on time.

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