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## MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: DEREK

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### WSA 16 – WASHINGTON COUNTY WORKFORCE CENTER

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Derek was a junior attending the Construction Careers program at Northeast Metro 916 Career and Technical Center when he enrolled in the Youth Program. He spent the school year learning about the construction process. He was then able to apply what he learned. The Youth Program paid his wages for the past 2 summers while he worked on completing the construction of a new home in partnership with the City of North St. Paul.

Derek's teacher and worksite supervisor said "It was a pleasure to have Derek in the work program. He was personally committed to perform at his best. Derek was recognized by his co-workers for his ability to interact with clients on a professional level and was offered employment."

Derek is currently working and plans to attend the Carpentry Program at Alexandria Technical College. This training combined with the skills he has learned on the job will prepare him for a career in the home building industry.

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