
MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: KATIE

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Katie was referred to the Washington County Youth Program through a community partnership with Family Means. She was a high school student needing to find part-time work. Katie's mother had been laid off and the family was struggling to pay their bills. Kate was placed as a program assistant in an after school program in her mobile home community.

Katie blossomed in this role and served as a mentor to the children in her community. According to her worksite supervisor, "Katie is a wonderful worker! She is proactive in thinking of things for the kids to do and engages with the kids. She often sees things that need to be done before I do!"

Katie did a great job balancing school, work and family concerns and graduated from high school. She is currently attending St. Paul Technical College and is participating in the Power of You scholarship program.

The experience and skills gained at the work experience helped Katie obtain a part-time job at the college child care center. The job on campus fits perfectly with her class schedule and allows her enough time to stay on track with classes.

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