

Washington County Youth Employment Program

YOUTH PROGRAM SUCCESS:



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My name is Alexea Smoot I was once enrolled in the Youth Program at the Washington County Workforce Center.

In high school at the age of 18 my consistent once reliable after-school job was going out of business and I was soon to be laid off, with swift decisions to be made I was referred to the Washington County Workforce Center's Youth Program for trainings, workshops and potentially to gain more work skills through short-term job placement.

I was placed in a clerical student intern position at the City of Woodbury in the administration department. I was able to finish high school six months early during the lay off of my after school job by attending day and night school before starting work at the City of Woodbury. I was able to work weekdays and office hours. During my student intern position at City Hall I gained a tremendous amount of clerical experience. The City Of Woodbury supported my eagerness to work and learn in the administration department. I helped with Human resources and Clerical duties.

After working at the City hall for some time I started my college journey and my employment at the city hall ended. I was unable to work all the time for my first year of college. However, city hall was open to let me fill in on school breaks which helped me out a lot. During my fall semester of my sophomore year of college I was informed of a position at the Washington County Workforce Center with the Youth Program for a Youth Program Assistant/ Office Support II position. I couraged up enough faith to submit an application and resume, got the interview and was offered the job. I gladly accepted working for the Youth Program which is a dream come true for me.

The Washington County Youth Program has helped me in many ways I could never fathom. They made it their interminable mission to see me succeed through supplying educational guidance, resources to build work ethics, workshops, beneficial assessments and they've been a confidant and so much more. I now continue to go to school to soon obtain a degree in human services to accomplish my career goal to work in the Human services field with a focus on social service for family, children and at risk youth in Minnesota.