



Meet Ashley Hale Crisostomo-Lopez!

Yates County Workforce Development

Ashley entered our WIA youth program on 7/27/11. At registration, she was 18 and a newly expectant mom. She had a High School Diploma but was deficient in math. She had no paid work history and was involved in some on-line post-secondary classes but was struggling to complete. She wanted to attend community college but had no form of transportation.

Ashley successfully completed the following services and activities while in youth program:

- Basic skills tutoring in math so she can be successful in college and life
- Short term paid work experience as receptionist at Yates Workforce
- Leadership Classes-including College Budgeting and Nutrition by Cornell Co-operative Ext.
- Vocational certification classes: Attained her Customer Service Certification (strengthening her resume and giving her marketable skills in customer service)
- NYS Driver Training leading to NYS Driver's License (so she can drive to college and her job)

In May, 2013 Ashley will graduate from Finger Lakes Community College with an Associates Degree in Applied Science!

She will have been employed at the college for one year this June. She has a beautiful daughter and was recently married. She now has her NYS Driver's License which enables her to attend FLCC and work part time. Ashley hopes to pursue a career in the medical field.

With the help and support of Yates County Workforce Development, Ashley's achievements will provide her with valuable tools to move on to the next stage of her life successfully.