



Yates County

WIA Youth Success Story

May is One Stop Month
May, 2011

Dikeedrin Tyler-Flores joined our Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program in December of 2010. His goal was to enter employment in the health care industry but he had been rejected several times by local health agencies. Dikeedrin had no local job references or work history when he began working with Youth Counselor Loree Martin.

On 12/27/10 Dikeedrin was placed in a Work Experience program through the Yates County Workforce. He completed several hours of on-line self-assessment and health services occupational research guided by the counseling staff to determine where to begin his health career.

On 1/05/11 he completed the Work Keys Assessment (Career Readiness Credential) provided by the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board. Dikeedrin passed with a "Silver" Credential.

On 2/16/11 he passed the National Retail Federation's National Professional Certification in Customer Service instructed by the Finger Lakes Community College.

Based on his successful completion of these two bench marking credentials and 60 days of excellent work performance in the job training program, Youth Counselor Loree Martin was able to write Finger Lakes Health a Letter of Recommendation encouraging them to hire Dikeedrin in an entry level health position. In March 2011 Dikeedrin was hired at Finger Lakes Health as a Unit Helper. On 4/19/11 he completed the Finger Lakes Health Nurse Aide Training Program, and he has now applied to the LPN program for fall 2011. Dikeedrin "loves his job in the health field" and the Yates County Workforce staff is proud of his success!