



In October of 2008, **Heaven Hotelling** was enrolled into the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Program by Loree Martin, the Youth Employment and Training Counselor for Yates County. At ages 14 & 15, she participated in the stand alone **Summer Youth Employment Program**.

Heaven was 16 years old and no longer attending high school at the time she enrolled in our year round program. While Heaven was in the WIA program, she benefited by many youth services available to her. The program guided her in enrolling in a GED and **Leadership program** held at FLCC. In less than one year, Heaven received her **High School Equivalency Diploma!** She also completed the **Tutor training through Literacy Volunteers** so she can tutor other GED students in the future.

Heaven completed assessments that allowed her the opportunity to explore her career interest in the health care field and decided she would like to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA.) Due to her motivation to get started in her career training, she began **Metrix**, an on-line learning program which helped her prepare further for her vocational training.

With WIA Youth Program funding, the next step was to enroll in the CNA/Home Health Aide training taught by FLCC. Heaven successfully obtained her **CNA Certificate**, and after her healthy baby girl was born, she was ready to look for full-time employment in the Nursing field. With the help of the youth program, Heather landed a job at Clinton Crest Manor. She has now successfully maintained this **unsubsidized employment as a Personal Care Assistant** for ten months, has received a raise and continues to love her career in the health care field.

Congratulations Heaven!