The Challenge:
Camdon heard about the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) through the staff at the Ventura Training Institute (VTI) when he was trying to enroll in their Clinical Nursing Assistant program without the financial resources needed for tuition. Camdon is in the foster care system and resides in a foster home, but he was committed and determined to obtain his CNA license.

The Solution:
Referred to the YEP program, Camdon completed their Job Ready workshops and was able to obtain tuition assistance and enroll in the VTI program. He completed the CNA course and an externship and took the State exam. He passed on his first try and obtained his CNA license.

The Outcome:
Because of his great commitment in the Youth Empowerment Program, Camdon was selected to take part in YEP’s subsidized employment program. Since he already had his CNA license, getting on-the-job training at a healthcare center would be an ideal next step. YEP worked with the Oxnard Manor Healthcare Center, and the manager was excited to welcome Camdon as an intern. He was asked to complete 100 hours of paid work at Oxnard Manor Healthcare Center. Camdon's dedication and commitment to his education and the opportunities presented through the YEP program earned him a permanent job at the center as a CNA. He now hopes to become a Registered Nurse one day.