

Another Great WDB

# SUCCESS STORY



Type of Customer: Youth



Mariela

## The Challenge:

The only thing holding Mariela back was uncertainty. She entered the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme with trepidation. Mariela was very unsure about what she wanted to do, but she did know she needed help to figure things out. The Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) was just the thing to get her started on a career path.

## The Solution:

Mariela's first step was to complete the Job Ready Workshops that are part of the YEP program. The workshops helped her begin the process of moving towards a career path in healthcare, and she enrolled in the Ventura Training Institute's CNA program. She soon completed coursework, and passed all of the exams and was officially a Certified Nurse's Assistant. All Mariela needed now was work experience.

## The Outcome:

Fortunately, YEP had just begun a new subsidized employment program partnership with the Oxnard Manor Healthcare Center. Mariela jumped at the opportunity for a 150-hour paid internship program at the Oxnard Manor nursing home and made excellent progress in applying and improving her skills. Her manager was so impressed with Mariela's strong work ethic that she was given a permanent job opportunity. Secure in her new position, Mariela continues to strive for greater success and is enrolling in college to become a Registered Nurse.



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