The Challenge:
A high school graduate, Brenda was stalled in her efforts to develop a path toward her academic and career goals. She had trouble adjusting to her parents’ divorce and was unable to find the guidance she sought at home. Brenda took her first step forward by enrolling in the Out of School Job Readiness Program.

The Solution
From the first day of the Job Readiness Workshop, Brenda was very shy and kept to herself. Many of her fellow participants encouraged her to speak up and participate, but she stayed in her shell. During the course of the workshop, Brenda found her voice and began to participate—even more than the others. She asked questions and helped her peers when they needed assistance. When the Job Readiness Workshop ended, she enrolled in community college. Brenda continued to utilize the Boys and Girls Clubs of Oxnard and Greater Hueneme College and Career Center to develop a résumé and practice her interviewing skills.

The Outcome:
Her efforts paid off; Brenda was hired by both Target and the very Boys and Girls Clubs of Oxnard and Greater Hueneme After School Program where she started her journey. She is now more outgoing and confident and communicates with ease. Staying on track to achieve her academic goals, Brenda plans to enroll in the spring semester at Ventura College. With her perseverance and hard work, Brenda is off to a great start in her new life.