The Challenge:
Chad was referred to the Youth Networked Services (YNS) program in 2016. He was employed but had dropped out of high school and wanted to return and obtain his diploma. Chad was in the foster care system for the greater part of his life and would be “aging” out when he turned 21 years old.

The Solution:
A YNS specialist helped him enroll at an alternative high school, where he could tackle his basic skills deficiency in reading and earn the credits needed to obtain his diploma. YNS gave him the incentive to complete his education: he received financial aid to purchase school supplies and clothes, and gas cards to get to and from school and his job. To help keep Chad motivated, his YNS specialist encouraged him to not only turn in study guides to earn school credits, but to get good grades. He was inspired to earn passing grades.

The Outcome:
Chad graduated high school and has been employed at the same company for more than a year. He is grateful to the people who helped him get a high school diploma, putting him on track for future success. Chad’s future goals include remaining employed and entering post-secondary education.