The Challenge:
Noah was referred to Youth Networked Services (YNS) by City Impact to help him get back on track and enroll in high school. He came to YNS as a troubled youth who had dropped out, was affiliated with local gangs, and had never been employed.

The Solution:
After enrolling in PathPoint, a YNS program, staff discovered that Noah had senior credits. But he needed extra support and encouragement to return to school. Noah’s YNS specialist contacted his school district, which allowed him to re-enroll in Fillmore Unified. Within weeks, Noah was attending school again, engaging in his course work, and receiving As and Bs. He was on track to graduate with his class. Noah also refrained from gang activity and started to spend time with a different group of friends—ones who had a positive impact on him. To gain work experience, the YNS specialist referred him to a paid internship at the One Step A La Vez after-school program.

The Outcome:
Noah completed his internship hours, was punctual and professional, and had a great work ethic. He attended the Job Readiness Workshop and wrote his first résumé. He took the skills he learned, applied them to his job search, and was hired at the local Burger King. Noah went on to receive his high school diploma and is now enrolled at Ventura College, focusing on obtaining his associates degree and transferring to a four-year university.