

## Testimonials



### Listen to what area youth and partners have to say about Rochesterworks! Youth Guest Speaker Series and Events

#### How has this event helped you?

“This event helped me think about what I would like to do in the future and how to pursue it.” *Liz T.*

“It will lead me to where I want to be.” *Student*

“It helped me get a clearer understanding of what I want to do and what it takes to get it done.” *Daryell D.*

“It showed me that I can be successful and I can be whatever I want to be as long as I put my mind to it.” *Melanie G.*

“I learned about the resources available to youth. Our agency will invite Rochesterworks! to train our youth.”

*Youth Agency Counselor*

# YOUTH SERVICES PARTNER'S SUCCESS STORIES

LG was a student attending a drop-out prevention class at BOCES 2 last year. Due to several risk factors as well as his potential to qualify for VESID services, he was referred to the Model Transition Program Grant. LG attended a session given by Caridad last fall covering Job applications and interviewing. LG did leave BOCES 2 in June and the MTP had the opportunity to follow up with him this fall. LG shared with the MTP staff that he was able to secure a job making more than minimum wage, with opportunities for advancement and raises. He specifically credited the help he received from Caridad in giving him the knowledge of how to complete an on-line application successfully, how to dress and act professionally and how to create a good interview impression. He shared with the MTP staff that he remembered what he was taught and believed he secured the job based on those skills.

That is a great success story for a young man with so many obstacles in his life, so many challenges to overcome.

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Through the unique collaboration and partnership with the Strategic Transition to Employment Program-Model Transition Program (STEP /MTP) Grant Monroe 2 - Orleans BOCES, RochesterWorks Youth Career Services Specialist provided job readiness workshops and services to special education and transition students from several school districts in Monroe and Orleans County, respectively. Students were able to build on current skills, strengths and learn new skills needed for success in the workplace. In addition to the students and staff that attended workshops at RochesterWorks' North Goodman Street site, other BOCES and WEMOCO students and staff also benefitted from RochesterWorks' on-site visits to Monroe 2 Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education site for additional workshops focused on resume writing, effective interviewing, job application completion and proper business etiquette. Students from the STEP/MTP Grant were also provided with an opportunity to participate in the RochesterWorks Digital Skills for Youth Internship Program.

RochesterWorks' fulfilled its Mission statement of "Providing education, support, and training in addition to, Partnership: "Work cooperatively with business, government, and community organizations to achieve goals."

All the representatives from the collaborating organizations and students were pleased with the workshops and look forward to future workshops and collaborations.

"I like that I can return here after I finish my program. I really felt comfortable here."

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Student responding to a field trip to Rochesterworks Career Center.