



**Kyle, Whitinsville HiSET Program**

My name is Kyle Cross, I went through the Sutton school system up until a couple years ago. Enrolling in YOU Inc. made a huge impact on my education. They specialize in a smaller class size and one on one work; whenever you need it you will get it. In a regular public school the one on one time is dedicated to the end of the day when classes are over. What kind of kid can sit through a whole school day and then have the energy to do more work when the day is over?

I have learned so much attending this program, and I am so grateful for everything it has done for me. My instructor and I talked about what I want to do after I get my HiSET, and we realized I really like animals. He helped me apply to a couple of jobs at Southwick Zoo, and I have been working there for the last couple months and really enjoy it.

Whitinsville HiSET instructor, Alex Herlich, commented that “Kyle would not have continued his education without us. He had no interest in going to school or being in school, but he was able to get comfortable in the small school setting. He became a confident young man since joining the program. Initially, he didn’t have goals and, now, he is looking at college programs throughout the country.”

“Our region’s WIOA Youth Satellite Programs focus on small classes to allow staff the ability to provide the needed 1/1 to ensure enrolled clients succeed. A priority of all our programs is to ensure staff provide case management and wrap around services to help students continue their academic and employment interests one year after they attain their general equivalency diploma while attending college or are employed. Our programs high success rate is due in large part to dedicated staff that help youth beyond their day to day struggles while focusing on what a student wants and needs to complete and accomplish their goals. We are very proud of all our students and their ability to move forward under difficult circumstances.” - Ed Gagne

*“Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be.” – George Sheehan*

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