



Youth Program Success Story *Chandler*

Chandler is a 16-year-old junior at Austin High School. He heard of our programming from a letter that was sent out to families that were income eligible for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Work Experience Grant. Chandler had not had any previous work experience, but was involved in the Student Tech Team at high school. Because of his experience with the Tech Team, he was interested in doing a Work Experience (WEX) in an Information Technology (IT) field. Chandler was interested in working at Simplified Technology Solutions. His career planner contacted the company, and they were able to set up a WEX. Chandler started his WEX in August; working after school, four days a week. The WEX ended as of December 31, 2017, and Chandler was hired on by Simplified Technology Solutions immediately after.

He had an article written about him in the Austin Living Magazine about his leadership and involvement in the community. Chandler plans to go to college for IT to become a Microsoft Systems Engineer.

***-Alison Sabinish, Youth Career Planner
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