



Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Success Story

Meagan V.

Meagan was referred to Workforce Development, Inc. (WDI) after applying for MFIP benefits in February 2014. At the time, Meagan had 3 children and had acquired part-time employment; but that ended quickly due to having no consistent childcare. Meagan was encouraged by her counselor to obtain her GED, which she began working on through community education but didn't feel confident in being able to take the exams. Childcare continued to be a barrier which made maintaining employment difficult for Meagan. Meagan had a baby in January 2015. Later in the year after establishing childcare, Meagan obtained employment as a housekeeper, where her employer would allow her to bring her children if they were ill or daycare was closed. By this time, Meagan had stopped working on her GED. She felt content in her job, knowing it allowed some flexibility for raising her children; yet not allowing her to move off of MFIP. Meagan's counselor could see that she was a wonderful mother and could be successful in anything she wanted to accomplish. With continued encouragement, Meagan decided she was ready for some changes. Meagan applied for a new position as a childcare worker in January 2017, for which she was hired full-time; Meagan was really enjoying her new role. The center required that she obtain her CPR and First Aid certifications, which she completed with the assistance from her counselor. They also allowed her time to attend classes for her GED, so she could acquire her diploma. Meagan registered for classes and attended regularly. With MFIP support for her testing fees, Meagan was able to obtain her GED in August 2017. Meagan's newfound confidence and joy was evident in her smile. Meagan accepted a new position with the daycare center her children attend, allowing her to see her children more and shorten her commute. Through her hard work and success, she was able to close her MFIP benefits.

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