

STEPHANIE MARIE ALLEN
Illinois workNet Center - Harrisburg
Case Manager: Nona Rice

Stephanie Allen came into our office, May 2009 looking for employment after having a labor dispute with her previous employer, Sonic Drive Inn. She worked for them for four years part-time and was disappointed with how they treated their employees. She had been out of work for three months.

Her case manager helped her get a part-time job as a personal assistance through Department of Rehabilitation Services. While monitoring her work ethics with her employer through DORS, her case manager asked her if she wanted to work another part time job and she said yes. In June of 2009, she started our WIA Summer Youth Program, as a clerical worker at Personal Finance Company in Harrisburg, working 35 hours per week. Her case manager knew she had potential to do be something great, so she approached her about attending college, Stephanie thought she could not afford it on her own. She stated she would love to attend Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg and try to get her Associates Degree in Business Management. Her case manager looked at her income and seen that she would meet the eligibility criteria for the program, took her application and presented it to the Selection Committee. They thought she would be a good candidate for training. She enrolled in classes the Fall of 2009. While attending college, she also worked on the WIA work experience program as a youth. Stephanie received her Associates Degree in Business Management and Accounting in July 2011.

An employee at Personal Finance Company took another job and a full time opening as a Customer Service Representative became available. Ryan Collins, her supervisor, hired Stephanie for the position. This young lady worked two part time jobs totaling over fifty hours a week and was a full time student with an overall GPA of 3.24 based on 4.0. Stephanie is an excellent example of how we put our training dollars to work.

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Stephanie Allen
Signature

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Date