

Crystal Archey
Illinois workNet Satellite - Ullin
Case Manager: Tiana Reeves (SDC)

Crystal Archey of Anna, Illinois applied to the WIA Program in December 2010. She had been employed by the Census Bureau and had been laid off after several months. Her previous employment had been in retail with Wal-Mart. Crystal really wanted to return to school to further her education. She desperately wanted to better herself so she can support herself and her child. Being the single mother of a 14 year old daughter, Amber, and only having unemployment and food stamps to live on, life was hard.



Crystal chose to pursue the Associate of Applied Science Degree program in Accounting at Shawnee Community College. She loved her classes and did well.

Her daughter Amber was ill from time to time during the two years Crystal was in school. Amber required surgery and was treated for a variety of other illnesses. On top of all of this, Crystal's ex-husband passed away in May 2011. All of this took its toll on Crystal and she had a rough time for several months.

Car troubles also threatened her ability to stay in school but she hung in there, and with hard work and lots of determination she made it to the internship stage of her training. H&R Block agreed to let Crystal complete her internship with their company, where she trained from February to March of 2012. During this time her knowledge and skill set grew tremendously and she excelled. At the end of her training she was offered a permanent position with the company where she remains employed.

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Crystal Archey
 Signature

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 Date