

Sara M. Uzzel

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MID 5 EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING, INC.
Case Manager: Nona Rice

Sarah came to the Mid-5 Employment & Training Inc. office in January 2010. She was working for Southeastern Residential Alternative, Inc. and her hours had been cut tremendously. She needed some kind of skill or training that would not take too long to complete.

Sarah always wanted to go into the nursing field, so she decided to look into the certified nurse's aid program at Southeastern Illinois College. The college was only selecting twelve students for the class and had a very long waiting list.

She was told to call the college every week to see if someone had dropped off the list so her name would move up. Sarah called faithfully every week to see if anyone had dropped and with her persistence she got into class.

Sarah completed 95 hours of theory and 60 hours of clinical. She had to complete 21 required skills, and take the Illinois Department of Public Health certification exam. While attending classes, she also worked two jobs.

This had been a major accomplishment for Sarah. In grade school she was diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. This is a diagnosed behavior illness characterized by inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity.

Sarah is thinking about continuing her education and becoming a registered nurse. She enjoys taking care of the elderly and landed a job as an assistance case manager through Coleman Tri-County Services where she visits the visually impaired elderly in their homes.

"I am grateful for all the assistance. Nona's guidance and encouragement and her faith in me helped me get through the program. Thank you for believing in me!"

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Sarah Uzzel with So. 14 Board Chairman Wayne Eichorn at the 2010 Annual Awards Dinner