



Economic Empowerment participants are super heroes!

The Economic Empowerment participants work hard to achieve their financial goals so they can live safe and independent lives. At the Center for Nonprofit Excellence Conference in October 2015, two Ready-to-Work students from Jefferson Community & Technical College joined us for the awards luncheon. Ashley Duncan (left) and Keaira Stokes (right) are busy young women with a plan. As Ready-to-Work students (receiving TANF); they work part-time, raise their children and work towards a degree.

They use KCADV Economic Empowerment services to improve their financial knowledge and save for their education thereby reducing the amount they have to borrow to complete their education.

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) help them earn a four-to-one match on their savings, and they can use their funds for tuition, fees and supplies. They can also use Microloans (\$200-\$500) to build credit and pay off debt.

Ashley Duncan is currently working on an associate degree in social services, and Keaira Stokes completed her general education credits at JCTC and transferred to the University of Louisville to complete a degree in exercise science. Keaira, like nearly 75 percent of program participants, is a survivor of domestic violence.

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