



## Youth Career Education Taking Flight with WINGS

I am a student at the Worcester Community Action Council's, Job and Education Center WINGS program, currently studying to get my Hi-SET certificate. I believe that to furthering my education will give me a greater chance with finding myself a career.

I enrolled in the program to better my chances of finding a job, which I did and now am employed in the childcare field. One day I plan to enroll in college and begin my career pathway in education and become a grade school teacher. Having this job will help open many doors and opportunities to a bigger and brighter future. I learned of this program through a relative that recommended I give it a try. Although I already knew about the program, as I have participated in the summer youth job program in the past, I am more than happy with that I participated in the program.

The community here at the Job and Education Center has made me feel very welcome. The friendly and encouraging staff has made a big impact on me; I've felt more positive and confident since I began. I would recommend this program to anyone that has dropped out of high school, no matter the reason. The environment is very organized and clean, and the classes are much smaller than those in high school. The teachers are very understanding and work with you at your own pace and level. The hours are flexible, so they can work with your personal schedule, which is great!

Since I've enrolled, my views about education have changed for the better. I have made personal goals to further my career in education and my life in general. I want to make my family and myself proud. My first step was obtaining my Hi-SET certificate and completing the Hi-SET program. The second step was finding a job, which I have accomplished, and my third step will be to enroll in a training program or career pathways to obtain a certificate and guidance towards college achieving my long term goals. Thank you WINGS staff for helping me get to where I am today.

The youth requested to remain anonymous but is an upcoming 2016 future graduate.

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