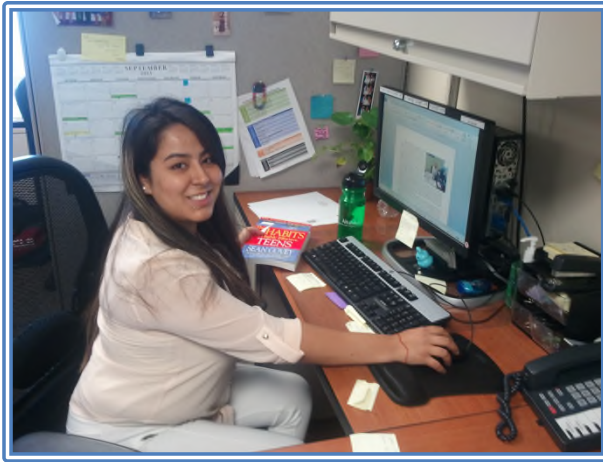


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Every year hundreds of young adults from the inner city take advantage of the Summer Youth Employment program. This program gives motivation for hundreds of youth around the Los Angeles area to think farther than their high school careers. It gives them a glimpse of real life. In present day U.S. economy, employment is not easy to come across. Young adults have to compete with adults with experience, which is why programs such as Summer Youth Employment are imperative to give our younger generations experience in a professional setting where

they can develop skills that will follow them into their next job. Beatriz Delfin was one of the youth selected to participate in the Summer Youth Employment program. As a single mother of one, Beatriz had difficulties graduating from high school. "I thought finally obtaining my high school diploma would get me a job afterwards. I was wrong. It's hard out there" said Beatriz.

Summer Youth Employment had Beatriz go through professional development in order to address some of the problem areas she had while looking for a job. She learned how to market herself to impress the employers during an interview as well as how to dress, and other job etiquette. After her job development workshops Beatriz was placed split her 100 hours between Youth Services and AltaMed Clinic. She served as an administrative assistant where she developed customer service skill, clerical skills and writing skills. Both places were extremely happy with her work and most importantly she now had begun to build employable skills. After all this hard work Beatriz comments, "I feel better. I am not lost anymore. Most importantly I now have something to put on my resume." Beatriz also mentions that her coworkers have given her great tips on looking for jobs and have also referred her to job openings. Summer Youth Employment not only gave her the information for Beatriz to begin a permanent passion with an employer but had her practice and perfect her skills before leaving. Her networking skills have given her the first step on how and where to look for a job. Beatriz is now prepared.

