



Yahaira Zamora Youth Success Story

Yahaira Zamora is the dependent of a farmworker in Fallon, Nevada. She grew up with her Aunt, her legal guardian; her Aunt worked as a farmworker for many years. After Yahaira graduated from the local high school, she was unsure what to do. She wondered how to continue her education to obtain a job that she would like or just go to work to help with the bills. With no employment history and a lack of skills, the only path to a career seemed to be in the fields or a low-wage job. She was struggling to find ways to obtain help.

Yahaira heard about Nevada Human Development Corporation (NHDC) through her Aunt; she had heard great things about the program. Yahaira decided this would be a good step towards her future, and she reached out to the NHDC, where she learned she could have hope for a brighter future. She was interested in entering the healthcare profession and how to get help with navigating through the process and obtaining some financial assistance.

Yahaira was eligible for the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) through her aunt's agriculture work. NHDC created a career plan to assist better Yahaira and the milestones she would need to reach her career goal. NHDC assisted in applying for the Federal Application for Student Federal Aid, an essential step to her healthcare education. NHDC was able to help her enroll in the Nursing Assistant program with the local college in Western Nevada. During her time in the program, she received career counseling while she participated in the CNA program. Job readiness was another crucial in-house training that provided basic employability skills, resume building, and effective interview communication skills. Yahaira was worried about affording food, clothing essentials for job interviews, and household items. NHDC was able to assist her while in the CNA program.

Yahaira has completed the academic portion of the CNA program and only needs to finish her skills test before starting as a nursing assistant. But she gained employment as a caretaker while she waited for the next exam to be available. She just got married and is looking forward to her new life in the healthcare field, where advancement is possible. She said that during her time with NHDC, she learned the value of reaching out for help. And her advice for people starting the program is to be open and honest with the caseworker to help find a way to achieve their goals.