

Testimony of Lacey Schmidt

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I am Lacey Schmidt from Salina, Kansas. Before starting the Partners 4 Success class, I was on food assistance. I have applied for cash assistance. After this class I was able to get a good paying job with benefits so that I can now provide for my family.

The day I received the letter in the mail that I was picked to attend the Partners 4 Success class. I had no idea what this class had in store for me. I really didn't want to come to this class but I took a chance of faith and told myself that I was going to this class. All I knew in my head that maybe this class will help me get a job and be able to pick myself up out of this rut that I have been in because I can't find a job. But it never stops me from trying to find a job after an interview went bad or didn't receive that job. I tried to stay positive about the situation but it was really hard for me because I thought I was a disappointment to myself and to my son or something was wrong with me that I couldn't get a job or I wasn't experienced enough for the job I was applying for.

This class has shown me that just because I may not have a job doesn't mean I'm someone to set on the back burner. There are people that really care about me that I had no idea that I was going to have after attended this class.

In this class I have refreshed up on some of my math skills. How to stay positive about yourself and don't think that you can't do something that you set your mind to. Have learned about interpersonal skills and how they relate to our previous jobs. What all skills that you have in a resume and cover letter that you want to include. We have talked to so much about time management and how it is important in the workplace. To be on time and what to wear or not to wear to an interview. I was always on time to the first Partners 4 Success class. We got some important interview tips from different employers.

I want to say thank you to the staff of Salina Adult Education Center and DCF for everything that they have done for this class. All the time they have spent getting all the things

in order for this class. I really enjoyed this class and meet a lot of people that I can talk to about anything or just need to talk. There aren't words to describe how much I appreciate everything that you have done to make this class possible and so much more.