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My experience with the Next Generation Zone has been amazing. They have assisted many low income youth like me. I had just lost my job and became very depressed. I was unemployed and traveling on a long-board. Baggy clothes are not professional and that's all I had. Being a high school dropout, jobs were hard to come by. I had no resume or interviewing skills. I thought I had nothing left.

The staff in the Next Generation Zone is dedicated to motivating young adults toward a bigger and brighter future. The program provided me with tools for success. The knowledge I gained from the required classes was amazing. Opening up a whole new door, Brandie helped to determine what I qualified for. Not only that, she placed me into a temporary work experience in a "professional" front desk office setting. It looks perfect on my resume. I was helped with funds to dress professionally. They gave me a bus pass for reliable, clean, safe transportation. They prepared me for a positive outlook in life.

I now have my GED and have been convinced by the wonderful people of the Next Generation Zone that you can do anything you set your mind to. That someone is always there to help. That my education is important, just like anyone who has future goals and needs a hand to reach out to. Now I am excited to go to college and convinced that I will succeed.

I'm getting the chance to experience life the way any responsible student should. I'm no longer confused and lost with my life goals. They have been persistent in improving my education. It is a pleasure to know they are happy to help. Without their support I may have become homeless.

If you are in need of financial or educational support and you just don't have the knowledge of what's next, they can help. All young adults who think it's the end of the road - their name is self explanatory - just for a reminder we need to be strong and proud so we can create a better place for the next generation. We are the road to tomorrow, my appreciation to the Next Generation Zone for making Spokane a better place to live.

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