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## STUDENT SUCCESS



### Christina Fisher

*Having gone through many hardships as a child from a broken family, Christina Fisher wants to help others who are facing similar challenges.*

She already is on track to fulfilling that goal thanks to the support of Villages of Hope and a part-time job at the Florida Department of Children and Families, an organization that helped her when she was a foster child.

Fisher got the part-time job as a clerk typist at DCF last year after Linsey Driskill, director of Villages of Hope, recommended her. Fisher, 19, has lived at Villages of Hope, an independent living residential support facility for emancipated foster youth and other homeless youth, for almost two years. Driskill learned that DCF had begun an initiative to provide 100 independent living youth jobs within its organization, and she knew Fisher would be a perfect fit because of her interest in social work.

"The job is going great. I'm part time but I'm looking to move into full time," said Fisher, a second-year PBCC student who is pursuing an Associate in Arts degree and was recently invited to join the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. The DCF experience will be valuable for Fisher who plans to transfer to Florida Atlantic University to pursue a bachelor's degree in social work.

"I've always believed that I could help others prevent bad situations in their lives," said Fisher. "I understand what it is to have a hard childhood, and I want to give back to help others have an opportunity for a better life."