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The South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance and the Tennessee Career Center for Marshall County are pleased to congratulate Sandra Williams on obtaining her GED! Soon after she dropped out of high school Sandra realized her mistake. In her words “I felt like a failure and it really got me down in the dumps.”

She knew people who told her that if she quit school she would not amount to anything. Her fiancé had even told her if she quit school he would leave her. In spite of this Sandra felt she needed to drop out of school due to medical problems. But then Sandra took a brave first step and came to the Marshall County Career Center and enrolled in the GED Plus program. Completing the Center’s paperwork Sandra was then referred to the Adult Education program where she signed up for the GED testing.

Encouragement came from lots of different people. Including her grandmother, Sandra Williams, her fiancé, Jesse Hill, and the staff of both the Career Center and Adult Education. The hard work came from Sandra. She studied hard and passed her GED test in April.

Sandra is now well on her way to achieving her dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. She has already achieved her CNA certificate and has been accepted at Martin Methodist College for the fall 2009 term.

In her own words, “If you have to quit school for any reason, don’t decide to quit on life or put everything on hold. You are not a failure. You can jump in there and still achieve your goals and pursue your dreams.”

If you, like Sandra, are interested in getting a GED come by the Tennessee Career Center located in the Columbia State Community College building or call 359-9726 for more information.

GED Plus is a special program offered by South Central TN Workforce Alliance to eligible participants who have dropped out of the school. The program promotes the need and advantages of earning a GED and how important that credential is when entering the modern workforce.

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