

From Few Skills, No Income and No Work History to Self-Sufficiency at 21



Rojelio Andrade, an unemployed 20-year-old in a low income rural agricultural community with 35% unemployment, came to the FRWDB for help and enrolled in the All Youth One System program. A comprehensive skills assessment regimen identified Psychiatric Technician Training as a productive goal for Rojelio, but he needed additional soft and

vocational skill training as well as job readiness preparation. He was then supported by our Youth Services team during a year-long Psychiatric Technician vocational training program at West Hills College, Coalinga.

The first in his family with any post-secondary education, Rojelio's commitment to success presented new challenges and required tremendous discipline with long hours focused on academics. His effort was rewarded with his being hired as a full-time Pre-Licensed Psychiatric Technician at California State Hospitals - Coalinga immediately upon completion of his training. Then, he earned certification as a Licensed Psychiatric Technician in May 2017, and now, operates in that role at \$27/hr. &60,000/year!