

Rising STARS

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I entered STAR's Employment Training Program at a perfect time for me. My husband and I had been married for 8 years and he had a good job. I was working too but didn't feel like my career was really going anywhere. We had money for food and a place to live but I felt that there was something else out there for me.

Then my husband told me he wanted to separate and maybe divorce. I felt as though my life was crashing down around me and I didn't know where to turn. My friend had signed up to attend the STAR class and said that I should come along. I figured what could I lose?



*I am not afraid anymore.
I have proven that I can take care of myself and be happy.*

That was the most important decision of my life so far. At first, it was hard to come to every class. I kept finding excuses to stay away but I knew if I did, I would just stay at home and be depressed. My friend said that I couldn't quit because I would let her down. After 3 or 4 weeks, I realized that I was motivated enough to come to class for me – not just because my friend wanted me to.

This all happened during the spring of this year. I now have a full time and a part time job making over \$30,000 a year.

My bills are paid up, and I have started saving to buy a house.

