Mariah completed 520 hours in January 2015 at Coachella Valley Housing Coalition. She was assigned for training in the accounting department. She learned how to organize financial statements, and learned Microsoft Excel, the importance of filing, how to scan documents, use of a copy machine, how to make labels on Microsoft Word etc.

Mariah had some challenges when she first started the program. At the beginning she was scared to ask questions about her duties, her mentor met with her weekly and helped her develop her communication skills, Mariah started asking questions when needed, she learned that getting clarification on tasks was the only way that her assignments were done correctly. She was also having trouble managing her time, going to school and dealing with homework and getting on time to her work training site, she kept her supervisor/mentor informed of the challenges she was having and they both worked out a working plan and new training schedule which allow her to finish her assignments at school and work. Mariah said that communicating with her mentor helped her grow tremendously, she became more responsible and was able to plan for school and work. Planning ahead also helped her to be on time to her training site.

Mariah didn’t have a plan after high school, her mentors help her to set goals to continue higher education, and they helped to complete financial aid application. She has decided to enroll at College of the Desert and continue to work.

Mariah was offered a part time job at Coachella Valley Coalition!