

UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
OHIO COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: SKILLTRAIN - OHIO COUNTY

From time to time, we will have a student to either bring in or refer another friend or relative to enroll at SkillTrain-Ohio County. Although we always would love to see students stay in high school, seeing them continue their education immediately after dropping out of school is an encouragement to say the least. This story has a “double impact”—one which begins with two young ladies, whom we will refer to as “Janie” and “Sarah”. “Sarah”, who had been out of school for a year, enrolled with us October 23, 2014. During orientation, she told our trainer she was pursuing her GED because she was interested in the Physical Therapist Assistant program. She found out about our services through her sister, “Janie”, who earned her GED credential through SkillTrain-Ohio County in August 2012. Janie participated in the SkillTrain Graduation Ceremony in July 2013. Sarah excelled in Reading and Language on her initial assessments, and after being coached while using GED Academy to study those academic areas, she passed the Social Studies and Reasoning through Language Arts GED Tests in January, 2015. Her next step was to continue her studies in Science and Math in FastForwardKY (our online curriculum), and after only three weeks of study, she successfully made a level gain in Reading and passed the GED Ready Tests in these two academic areas. Sarah passed the Science and Math sections of the GED Test on February 27, 2015, with her highest score being in Math. She came back in March to complete her post-GED Test survey and obtained information about the WorkKeys Assessment. She is making preparations to enroll in classes this summer. SkillTrain-Ohio County makes every effort to encourage all high school dropout referrals to stay in school. However, once they are officially withdrawn from school and enroll with us, it is easier for the students to move on and pursue their career paths. For these two sisters, Janie’s successful influence of earning her GED credential soon after withdrawing from school helped pave the way for Sarah to make the decision to do the same; hence, success having a “double impact” for this family.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$50 **SkillTrain - Ohio County** can:

- Provide financial assistance to students to help pay GED fees

