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ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Kendric Marshall | Oklahoma

Adult education gave a productive outlet for Kendrick Marshall's boundless energy. Always labeled "the kid who couldn't sit still" Kendrick struggled all throughout elementary school. He was very talkative and always wanted to move around, and both of these traits often landed him in trouble. By ninth grade, Kendrick was over school. He felt that he did not belong and finally dropped out.

It was not until he enrolled in adult education to get his high school diploma that he began to realize that his limitless energy actually had a positive side. He began to explore career paths at his program where movement was a part of the job, and soon he settled on becoming an electrician. The teachers here were patient with him and gave him access to online tools that helped equip him with vital digital literacy skills. He worked hard and finished his high school equivalency diploma, and then set his sights on entering an electrician apprenticeship program.

Today, Kendrick is a certified electrician. He has turned his energy into something productive and powerful instead of problematic. He even has been named student of the month by his program, OIC of Oklahoma County! He states, "My goal is to own my own electric company and to leave a legacy for my future kids to inherit." Adult education not only gave him a path forward, it may have given his kids and grandchildren a prosperous future as well. ■