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ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Litzy Ostos | New Mexico

Originally from Chihuahua, Mexico, Litzy found herself working a dead-end job overnight for very little pay. Long shifts night after night made her search for something different. She wanted to pursue a better career in the United States, and adult education gave her the path to do just that.

Being away from her family and friends made her homesick, but memories of her little brother and sister made her want to be a strong role model for them. She set out to receive her high school equivalency diploma, and, after enrolling in a local program, she improved her literacy and numeracy skills dramatically.

Today, Litzy has completed her high school equivalency diploma and is enrolled in classes at a community college to earn an associate degree. She hopes to transfer to the University of New Mexico to pursue a bachelor's degree. She is still learning more about scholarship opportunities, as well as the many career opportunities available to her with a bachelor's degree. Even with this uncertainty for her future career, Litzy knows she wants to help out other students like her from Mexico. She knows her college degree will open doors for her to gain better job opportunities, but she would also like to give back to the adult education program she is enrolled in by helping tutor others after her. ■