

El Barrio Success



Loreal began working at Sephora in October of 2010 shortly after going through the Job Readiness Job Search (JRJS) program at El Barrio. She was referred to the program by her caseworker from Cuyahoga County's Employment & Family Services.

El Barrio focuses on developing and enhancing soft skills, creating resumes and cover letters, and helping clients improve their interviewing skills. "The assistance [that I received at El Barrio] with interviewing and resumes was most helpful," Loreal said. Like many clients, she began interviewing shortly after she completed the two week Job Readiness portion of the JRJS program. In fact, Loreal was only in Job Search for slightly over two weeks!

At Sephora, Loreal began as a cashier during the busy holiday season. Now, six months later, she is going to begin training classes to work in women's fragrance and in the other floor positions. "I love it here! They are very flexible and there is room for advancement," exclaimed Loreal. She is happy to have a job that she loves that also enables her to provide for her two young children. When asked what could have been done differently at El Barrio, Loreal paused to think for a moment. "Nothing," she replied. "There really was nothing that could have been done better." A customer came up to the counter and Loreal smiled and turned to check her out at the register.