When Jade (name changed for privacy) graduated from high school, she approached the Youth Empowerment Services team hoping to get some direction on how to get into an apartment and get some direction on her goals. Ms. Polite took time to help her build a resume and start looking at job possibilities. She decided to apply for a competitive 911 Dispatcher position which required a rigorous typing test and other criteria to determine if she qualified. Ms. Polite encouraged her – She could do this! She could pass this test! Staff could hear the young lady typing vigorously and Ms. Polite's encouraging words. After years in the system with no family support, and being told all she couldn't do, she not only passed, but scored high on all tests for the position! Ms. Polite's motivation was the boost she needed to tap into her own potential and the young lady is now on her way to getting everything in place to reach her goal of independence.

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