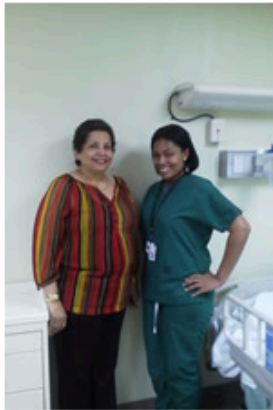




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## DOL Working for You

### Brunswick Job Corps Replicates Hospital for Students



When Georgia's Brunswick Job Corps wanted to become the only center that offers a Patient Care Technician Training Program, it turned to its own students for help. Participants in Brunswick's electrical, plumbing, painting and other programs renovated an old classroom and transformed it into replicas of a hospital emergency room and a patient's room. Carol Grant, the center's technical training manager, estimates that effort saved Job Corps about \$50,000 by avoiding hiring an outside building contractor. Students studying to become nurses and home health aides through the center's program can receive additional health care certifications and become more attractive to employers in areas such as long-term care

facilities. Student Betty Tripp is about to graduate from the program. She said, "I have a good chance at employment" through Brunswick's program because of the growing need for health care providers.

### WIA Helps Californian Attain Employment

With five children to support, California's Atilana Ramos was living "paycheck to paycheck" when she suddenly got laid off from her loan processing job. Ramos felt further education was the ticket to employment, so she turned to her local Workforce Investment Board's employment resource center for help. The center offered Ramos workshops on how to write resumes and interview for jobs, giving her confidence, self-esteem and optimism. She also obtained additional skills training at a vocational college that was funded through the Workforce Investment Act. Ramos, who now works as an insurance billing specialist for an air ambulance company, credits the help she received "with having a positive impact on my life."

