Angel earned her CNA/GNA certifications through Bon Secours. She is currently employed with Mercy Hospital while attending nursing classes at Baltimore City Community College.

“I know that the courses I have pursued will take my life in the right direction and ensure that I can take good care of my children.” – Angel Barrios

CAREER ACADEMY is comprised of a core community of youth development and workforce training partners that provide youth and young adults with access to and opportunities for employment, education, training and support services they need to succeed in the labor force. The Career Academy represents an exchange and leveraging of resources with the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development and the Baltimore City Public Schools. The Diploma Plus model is offered, which allows students the opportunity to earn a regular high school diploma, as well as college credits, while developing career skills through career exposure and internship experiences.

For additional information contact Darrell White, Unit Coordinator, 410-396-7454; 101 W. 24th St. Baltimore, MD 21218; dwhite@oedworks.com

CIVIC WORKS/YOUTH BUILD assists young adults in completing their high school education while providing on-site construction training experiences that provide housing for low-income families. Youth will earn the industry recognized Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training Certification (HBI-PACT) as well as OSHA and Sherwin Williams painter certifications. The program fosters job readiness, leadership skills, and offers opportunities for participants to connect with apprenticeship programs and full-time employment in jobs paying a living wage. For additional information contact Corbin Smith, Case Manager 443-388-9017 x 102; 300 W. 24th Street, Baltimore, MD 21211; csmith@civicworks.com
GREATER BALTIMORE URBAN LEAGUE is offering an alternative education model that will provide supplemental career readiness, job placement and post-secondary placement support to students attending the Excel Academy Alternative School. These services will be integrated into Excel Academy’s already existing Career Research and Development CTE Program of Study. 

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HEALTHCARE CAREERS ALLIANCE (HCA) is comprised of VSP (the workforce development arm of Sinai Hospital/Lifebridge Health) in partnership with Civic Works. Participants are offered a life-changing opportunity to train for careers in healthcare, Baltimore’s largest economic sector. Participants receive certification and on-the-job training as clerical associates, client service representatives, nursing assistants, dietary aides, distribution clerks, environmental service workers, linen and laundry service workers, medical records clerks, medical transporters and patient transporters. Successful completers are eligible for interviews for unsubsidized employment. For additional information contact Charles Milburn, Program Coordinator 443-955-7536; 5607 Metro Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215; cmilburn@lifebridgehealth.org

“This experience has helped me meet my goal of steady employment with a decent wage. The program taught me how to communicate better and how to be more confident.” – Khadija Murray

MARYLAND NEW DIRECTIONS will offer a complete range of educational support through their partnership with Strong City Baltimore and occupational skills training in the areas of Maritime Transportation, Distribution and Logistics (MTDL) Training Program and the Commercial Transportation Careers Training Program, Commercial Passenger Transportation/Licensure, Apartment Maintenance Certification (with the Maryland Multi-housing Association), and Hospitality/Customer Service Certification (provided by MND). Additionally, participants in the MTDL program will be able to choose from industry specific certifications/credentials including: Forklift Operations Certification (with Atlantic Lift Truck), Warehouse Inventory Control Specialist Certification (with BCCC), and Certified Customs Specialist (provide by MND). Participants within the Commercial Transportation Careers program will have the opportunity to earn CDL-B Learner’s Permits and full CDL-B licensure with Passenger Endorsement and Air-brake Certification with behind-the-wheel training provided by Transdev N.A. For additional information contact Maryland New Directions 2700 N. Charles Street, Suite 200; Baltimore, MD 21218; 410-230-0630

URBAN ALLIANCE will serve in-school youth and assist them in receiving their high school diploma, obtain an industry recognized credential, connect to employment or enroll in post-secondary education/apprenticeships. Students will have the opportunity to earn the “Certified Front Desk Representative” credentials from the Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Lodging Association. Students will be awarded the certified Guest Service Professional designation and a Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) MICROS OPERA training certificate. 

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