



## **RASHIDA**

After being released in 2013 Rashida was working when she suddenly got laid off from her job. At the time she was also a student at Passaic Valley College working towards her Associate's Degree. With a young child, she knew she had to continue making money.

Rashida started NJRC orientation at Greater Newark Conservancy in May of 2016. While going through the one week orientation she also started driving for Uber and continued to network so she could get interviews, and potentially land a new job. In August Rashida was asked speak at the PSEG Power Lunch on Criminal Justice where she spoke to an audience of over 100 prosecutors, community leaders and CEO's of business and philanthropists. Afterwards she networked and made connections with many of the attendees.

All of Rashida's hard work and networking led her to a connection at Jingoli and Son, a national construction contractor working on major projects. While doing administrative working at Jingoli, Rashida is also a full time student at Rutgers. She is pursuing her BA in psychology & entrepreneurship and after her six month evaluation at Jingoli & Sons, hopes to go full time while still pursuing her educational goals.

Rashida is proud of the family support she has received. Her motivation for success is her children—especially her 23 year old son—she wants to show him better so he does better and wants to be the example so he stays out of trouble. It looks like she is succeeding at that!

Keep up the good work Rashida!