

My name is Angelica Tejada, and my journey has been shaped by both hardship and resilience . Growing up, I experienced instability, trauma, and loss. As a teenager, I struggled deeply, often feeling unheard and misunderstood. I faced foster care, became a young mother, and later lost my child's father, leaving me to raise my child on my own while trying to survive.

For many years, I doubted myself and believed I was not capable of returning to school. Fear and past experiences held me back. But in 2024, I made the decision to change my life—for myself and for my children. I wanted to prove that I could do more and become someone they could be proud of.

Within one year, I graduated from Clovis Adult Education, a moment that meant everything to me and my family. Since then, I have earned my CNA certification and am now working toward entering a Vocational Nursing program, with the goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.

My journey has taught me that failure is part of growth and that we are all capable of overcoming challenges. Today, I share my story to give others hope—because no matter where you start, you can build a better future.