Hi my name is April Flores.

Thank you for allowing me to speak about the importance of adult education as well as sharing my learning experience as an adult. When I was a teenager attending high school was a struggle for me. It was hard for me to understand the lessons the teachers where teaching and to keep up with the rest of the students was hard to. If you couldn't keep up with the rest of the students you basically failed. It also didn’t help when a teacher told me I would never graduate. So I believed this teacher and felt I would never graduate from high school, that's when I dropped out of school. It was hard to find a job with out a high school diploma or a GED. When I turned 18I went back to school to get my GED and failed the test multiple times. That's when I kept searching for another school that would give me the opportunity to get a high school diploma. That’s when I found Novi Adult Education. Their program offered adults the opportunity to receive a diploma.. Something I needed and wanted. I have four children that I needed to set a good example for; as well as be a good role model as well when it comes to education. It was hard going back to school full time and being a mother. They’re where times my car would break down, or my kids where sick and I had to stop going. However I always got back up and went back to school. In 2014 I graduated at Novi Adult Education with my high school diploma, with honors. I am also a member of the National Adult Education Honor Society. All four of my kids attended my graduation, my friends along with my husbands friends I never thought I would have a high school diploma, because of what one teacher said to me when I was 16. Now I am a college student studying criminal justice. If it was not for these programs for us adults, I would not be where I am today in life. Education is a must have in life because with out one life is hard, because employers wont will hire someone without one. It's very important to have these kind of programs offered to adults because it gives us a second chance in life.

Thank you