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- What I've learned at STRIVE

I've learned many things at STRIVE. It gave me the knowledge to better myself when it comes to getting a job and keeping one. I have also made new friends in the process. In coming to STRIVE, I learned punctuality, how to write an application correctly, which I have not done in 19 years; and I learned how to prepare myself for an interview. This was special to me because there were things I did not know I can do during an interview. For example, I did not know I can ask questions ~~to~~ the interviewer during the interview. The questions they said I can ask, and get away with, surprised me! "Is this a new job, or am I replacing someone?" "Why did he quit?" were some of the questions I would not dare ask the interviewers before STRIVE told me I could. I also learned that applications are more important than resumes: Applications are like contracts between the employer and the employee. Resumes are just the overview of the applicant. In doing the tests, I've learned how to approach the interviewer professionally, and make sure all my "hard skills and soft skill" are mentioned. How to present myself, or in this case, "market" myself, is very important. It can guarantee a call-back from the employer. I can write an application and thoroughly complete it correctly. Be better prepared with index cards with information on them that I will take with me. Now, even if the employer says no by not calling me back from my application or my interview, I know I did the truest best that I can because of STRIVE.