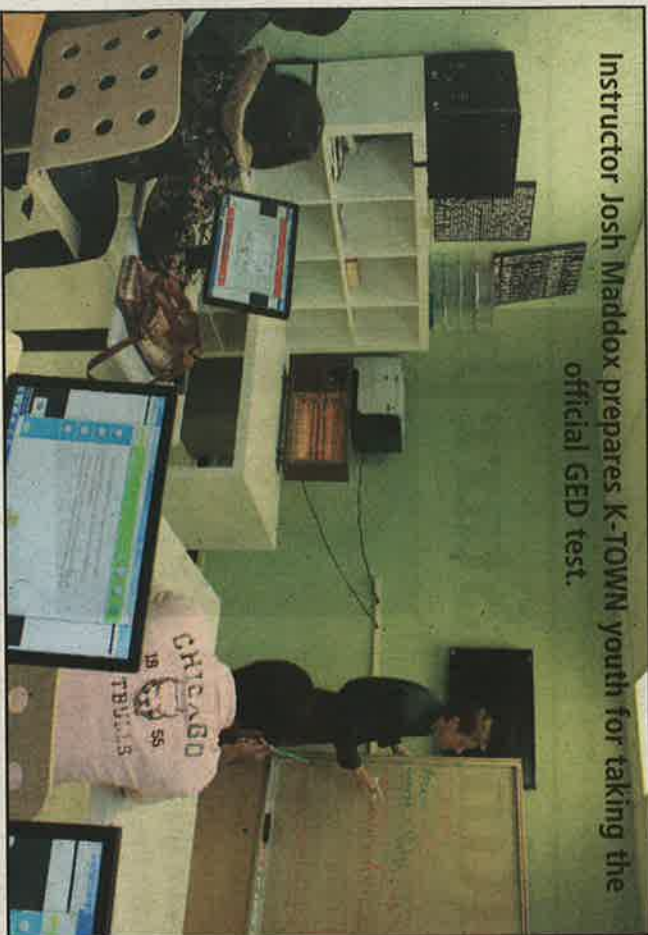




## New program has first grad pass GED test

Instructor Josh Maddox prepares K-TOWN youth for taking the official GED test.



educational lab program that he felt fully prepared to take the official test.

"K-TOWN is my home," Moreno said. "Mr. Maddox [the instructor] teaches every student like they are the main priority. I haven't found that at any other school program."

Since enrolling in K-TOWN's GED program, Moreno has started an administrative position at Cherokee Health and found out that he is expecting his first child in May. He said K-TOWN has inspired him to pursue a fulfilling career.

Moreno said he hopes to find a career path where he can "reach out to young dudes to encourage positive behaviors."

K-TOWN GED instructor Josh Maddox previously worked with



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Pellissippi State's GED make our hard work program as well as other community programs. In addition to GED preparation, Maddox works with K-TOWN youth to help them build life skills, apply for jobs, housing, scholarships and college admission.

For more information on the GED preparation or life skills program, call 865-523-0701. ■

The K-TOWN Youth Empowerment Network GED program recently had its first graduate to pass the official GED test. K-TOWN graduate Bryan Moreno started taking preparation classes at K-TOWN when the program kicked off in October in the organization's educational lab.

"We are extremely proud of Bryan for all of his accomplishments," said Project Director Belinda Jones. "Over the summer, we had numerous youth who needed to earn a GED in order to find employment or to enroll in college. They asked that we provide GED classes in-house so that they could earn

their GED in a familiar, easily accessed place." "We feel the educational lab setting has been extremely conducive to learning quickly and efficiently."

Moreno had been attempting to earn a GED for several months. However, he said it wasn't until he enrolled in K-TOWN's

Students like Bryan