



## How Families And States Help Kids Succeed In School

(NAPSA)—If a child you care about is ever struggling in school, unhappy, unchallenged, unable to get the help he or she needs, these four stories could inspire you to find an answer.

### How Four Families Found A Way

1. Reyna Rodriguez attended Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne as part of the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program. She is one of six children in her family—and the first to attend private school. “Through the school choice program, I have been able to continue my education in a faith-based high school along with sharing my talents and love for the stage with those who help me to grow as a person spiritually and academically,” Reyna said.



**Reyna Rodriguez**

2. Noah Grant found middle school challenging. His mother found a school for children on the autism spectrum for him but the tuition was out of reach. Then they found out about the Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA). “The ESA scholarship gave us the opportunity to choose a school that could best meet Noah’s needs and help him to have a successful future,” his mother said. “Without it, I believe Noah would not be prepared academically and socially for the next step in his life.”



**Noah Grant**

3. Orlando Rivera always dreamed of being a pilot, but when he learned what it would take, his dream took a nosedive. “I started looking at the financial requirements and grade requirements and I was like, ‘Yeah, I’m not going to make it,’” he said. “My mom is disabled. My father was in prison.” Then he discovered Heritage Christian School and a Florida tax-credit scholarship that changed his life. Today, Orlando is a freshman at Embry-Riddle, studying aeronautical science.



**Orlando Rivera**

4. Christine Johnson homeschools her four children. She loves the flexibility it gives her, but Indiana provides only a small tax deduction for homeschooling families. Christine would embrace an education savings account (ESA) that would help her provide more activities for her children. “An ESA would allow us to provide an education that my husband and I can’t even fathom at this point,” she said. “I believe families should be trusted to conduct the education they have chosen and—above all—be encouraged with tools like ESAs and tax credits.”



**Christine Johnson**

### What You Can Do

To learn what your educational options may be, you can visit the School Choice in America Dashboard at [www.edchoice.org/dashboard](http://www.edchoice.org/dashboard).