



The Faces of ADVOCAP Gabino and Viz

When Fatherhood program participant Gabino, a father of three, decided to get his GED, he was in need of a tutor. Fortunately, one of ADVOCAP's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers was a former GED instructor at a local technical college. Viz and Gabino arranged to meet twice a week starting in mid-June. In October, Gabino completed his studies and earned his GED.

Gabino commented, "When I enrolled in the Fatherhood program, I set a goal to complete my GED. ADVOCAP matched me up with Viz from the RSVP program, which helped me a lot. We made a commitment to meet every week and I earned my GED in only four months. Viz was a great help to me and was so dedicated to seeing me succeed. I am so proud of what we accomplished together."

"I have such a sense of worth when I am helping people," says Viz. "It's wonderful to see others realize their dreams and know I had a part in it."

After receiving his GED, Gabino was hired full-time with benefits at a local manufacturing company and has aspirations to work in the area of corrections. Through the Fatherhood program, Gabino says he has learned how to have healthier relationships, to resolve conflict, and to communicate more effectively. He feels he is a better father and husband and is changing his family's destiny by passing along his skills and knowledge to his children.



Gabino and Viz (center) along with ADVOCAP staff