



Sam finally trusts her instinct and discovers her true career.

Sam is aged 21 and works as a Childcare Apprentice at Cannock House Day Nursery. She is currently working towards her NVQ 2 in Childcare and hopes to achieve an NVQ 3 after that.

Sam says:

“Everyone always said I should work with children, but I never thought I would be capable so I started down another career path before I finally trusted my own instincts and listened to what my friends were saying.”

Also...“I left school with poor GCSE results because I had learning difficulties. I didn’t have any career plan and because I am the oldest child in the family, I didn’t have another brother or sister to follow or get ideas from.”

Childcare

After trying several jobs, Sam looked on the Jobcentre Plus webpage and found an Apprenticeship opportunity in Childcare through training provider Smart Training.

Learning difficulties

With her learning difficulties, Sam has to work harder than some others to complete her assignments, and has received extra support from her training provider and employer. But now she’s older, her learning disability doesn’t concern her as much, she knows she’s capable and is determined to achieve her career ambitions.

Nothing is impossible

“I’ve learned that nothing’s impossible if you are committed and enthusiastic about what you are doing. I’ve learned to approach my Apprenticeship training in a different way so I’m not stressed. I do things in my own time and my own way to achieve a successful result.”

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