



Case Study

Annette Kelly

Family Groups

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Thankfully, Family Groups came along at the right time for me and I was able to stay focused and not give up. I hate to think how things might have turned out for me if it wasn't for all the help they gave me.

Annette Kelly
NHS Community Health
Champion

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Project: Skills for Jobs

Business Sector: Childcare/Community Work

Location: Bedford

Job Outcome: NHS Community Health Champion

Annette successfully found work as a result of their Skills for Jobs training. Thanks to the help of Family Groups, a partner in the Skills for Jobs project, Annette has successfully found employment as an NHS Community Health Champion.

Overcoming a traumatic event prompted her pursue a career as a counsellor. She joined a local counselling charity as a volunteer but found it very difficult to find paid work or afford the childcare that would allow her to go back to College to study.

“As a single parent on benefits, I just couldn't afford to pay for nursery fees.”

However, when Annette saw an advert for a Family Groups Skills for Jobs training course in Childcare, it offered her the opportunity to study whilst the children were taken care of for free:

“I saw the advert for the Child Care Course at Family Groups and thought it would be a wonderful skill to add to my experience. It was great because there was a free crèche, which meant I could focus on the course without having to worry about childcare.”

The eight week course covered all the necessary skills to work in a Nursery School or Playgroup whilst also offering job search training on CV's and interview techniques:

“The skills training were brilliant and they also helped me with my CV. Charlotte, the trainer, also helped me to get Daniel into a nursery for ten hours a week, which meant I had ten hours to go job hunting in peace!”

Towards the end of the course Annette applied for a vacancy with the NHS as a community Health Champion. The NHS was looking to employ a number of local champions and the selection process was based on a group interview.

Annette's training had raised her confidence considerably, so when faced with the group interview she was able to stand out.

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