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- Claire B.

Emerging From Client to Community Action Agency Employee

Impact Update

Claire is a full-time employee, single mother who is completing her college degree. She is now 2 years clean with a one-year-old son and was just pre-qualified to purchase her first home.

She remains employed in her new position at HRDC and holds a 3.8 grade point average in her degree program. She is an amazing mother and a valuable asset to HRDC’s staff. The agency is proud to present this client and employee as a Client/Apprenticeship Success.

Claire is currently participating in HRDC’s Apprenticeship Program. Her inspiring story is that of great achievement as well as triumphant success. Although she came from a loving home, she grew up witnessing her biological father’s life crumble from drug addiction which ultimately led to his death. Throughout her teen years, stress and anxiety led her to begin using illicit substances herself; overdosing at the age of 17 years old.

Over the next five years, she would continue to struggle with addiction. She spent a great deal of time in and out of long-term rehabilitation programs, she was unable to hold a job due to substance abuse and was spiraling out of control. In 2021, while participating in a non-local rehabilitation program, she found out she was expecting a child. She vowed to herself from this moment on her life would be devoted to her child and providing him the best life possible.

She was hired by HRDC in January of 2022. She enrolled herself into the Early Head Start pregnant mothers program in hopes of gaining a center-based Early Head Start slot upon the birth of her child so she could continue working after her maternity leave ended. She realized that she would need to further her education in order to provide her son with the best life possible. She enrolled in HRDC’s apprenticeship program which would allow her to work full-time while the agency would pay for her degree to further her education. Being enrolled in a college program qualified her to take a promotion in her program which came with a salary increase.



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