



Hollie and her Keyworker

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SINCE THE PROJECT IN OUR AREA STARTED:

OVER **130** FAMILIES  HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED

52% HAVE MOVED INTO **EMPLOYMENT**

28% MOVED INTO **EDUCATION OR TRAINING**

88% OF PARTICIPANTS DID "POSITIVELY PROGRESS"

90% SAY THAT THEIR **WELLBEING HAS IMPROVED**

MOVE CLOSER TO EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING

Positive Progressions is a project that works with individuals and families in the community who are economically inactive or unemployed, helping them to overcome barriers and move closer towards employment and training.

Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and European Social Fund, Craven College in Skipton has managed the project since 2017 and have recently been awarded a further £394,554 to continue the work until 2021. The project is being delivered in Selby, Craven, Harrogate, York and the rural villages around these areas.

Experienced Keyworkers will work on a one to one basis with individuals ("Participants") and together they will agree on a tailor-made Personal Development Plan. They will look at how they can build up a Participant's confidence and resilience, and develop their skills and experience to help them to support themselves and their families. The goal is to help them move closer to employment, education or training.

Some of the services that Positive Progressions can offer include:

-  Putting a CV together and helping to search for jobs
-  Support in managing finances and budgeting
-  Helping to gain more skills and training so the Participant can move closer to employment
-  Providing support to improve health and wellbeing
-  Helping to find suitable volunteering and mentoring opportunities
-  Helping to enrol on training courses

The extra funding means that at least a further 92 families will be supported over the next two years.

Daniel successfully gained the qualifications and confidence to move onto a plumbing course and is looking forward to the future. He said "I would have never been able to provide for my partner and baby

as much as I wanted without the support of my Keyworker and Positive Progressions."

Jade had one to one support with employability skills and is also doing an English course. She said "If I hadn't joined Positive Progression, I would still be struggling with my illness and sat at home. I am now managing my illness and it is not holding me back as much. My Keyworker helped me to see the opportunities to help slowly ease me into work. I feel much more confident and I am more assertive with friends."

Hollie attended several courses, including Fire Marshalling; Manual Handling; Safeguarding; and Confidence Building. Her weekly meetings with her Keyworker made Hollie feel much more optimistic about the future and she grew more confident in dealing with everyday life. Her Keyworker assisted in updating her CV and helped to search for suitable jobs. Hollie has recently been successful in not just securing one part-time job, but two! She is now working as a passenger assistant at a local school for children with special educational needs and a relief and care support worker for a care home. She said "Positive Progressions is really encouraging and helps people get back into work doing something they love and enjoy".