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*I started with Early Inspirations in 2013, with no childcare qualifications. I had been out of work for a number of years and was a stay-at-home mum. I was scared to return to the working world but always had a very keen interest in childcare and development and wanted to work with and support children.*

*I decided to apply for an apprenticeship I saw advertised at Early Inspirations. I nervously went for an interview. I was successful at interview and was offered an apprenticeship post. I successfully completed an apprenticeship in Childcare and Development Level 2 NVQ qualification in 2014.*

*I was encouraged by the owner to move on to the Level 3 Childcare NVQ, and successfully completed that in 2015. Early Inspirations are very supportive and encouraging, they help staff make progress and better themselves. My knowledge, skills and confidence grew dramatically. As a result I went on to complete another qualification, which was my Team Leader qualification. During this time I was promoted to Deputy Manager.*

*I am extremely grateful and happy for the opportunities that Early Inspirations have provided me with, joining the Early Inspirations Team has changed my life dramatically.*

*I feel very proud and my children are inspired by how much progress I have made since I started working here. My daughters are more confident and positive about what they would like to do in the future and I feel more positive to be able to guide them in the right direction. I have recently completed a Foundation Degree in Childhood Studies, and graduated this summer 2018! My daughters came with me and were very proud!*

*During my Foundation Degree in Childhood Studies and as Deputy Manager I was an integral part of our Ofsted Inspection... We were awarded 'Outstanding'! I was elated to say the least.*

*It does not end there... I have started my B A Honours Degree in Childhood studies, which I begun in September 2018 and I have successfully graduated and now have letters after my name! In addition to this I have now been promoted to Nursery Manager and I love it! I started at the bottom and*

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*worked my way right to the top!*

