

Case Study:

Childcare Practitioner

R.A.S.C.A.L.S Pre-School and Day Nursery



Children's Care, Learning and Development

Ashley Bratt works with young children; helping them gain the most out of their time at day care by giving them the opportunity to progress and learn new skills, and gain the confidence they need to move on to primary school.

Benefits

As a male childcare practitioner in a predominantly female industry, Ashley has seen the benefits that he has brought to his employer. But he has also benefited personally from his Apprenticeship, as he explains:

"Being an apprentice has given me amazing confidence, and made me believe that I can achieve things."

"Before I started this I was a very shy 16 year old. Undertaking an Apprenticeship and achieving my NVQ Level 2 has changed all that. I'm focused and hard working and always give 110%, and I've made lots of new friends at work and at college."



Why an Apprenticeship?

When he finished his GCSEs Ashley knew that he didn't want to continue studying, but he still wanted to be able to get a good job. Qualifications are essential to a career in childcare, and Ashley recognised that an Apprenticeship would give him the opportunity to train for the qualifications he needed at the same time as giving him valuable experience of working with children.

What Next?

Since completing his Apprenticeship Ashley has continued to develop his skills, both at work and through additional training. He hopes to go to university, and is particularly interested in working with children with special educational needs.