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# Participants Success Stories

Lauren has always wanted to becomes a midwife and has identified finishing her secondary education as a goal towards accomplishing this. In co-ordination with TAFE, our Joblink Plus ParentNext team helped Lauren get enrolled in an online course in Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation. *(Picture of Lauren signing up).*

*Tarsh said that participating in ParentsNext helped her get the qualifications she needs to apply for work in the aged care industry*

## Tarsh got the job!

Tarsh gained valuable skills whilst completing her Certificate III in Community Services with ParentNext. Tarsh made such a great impression on her work placement in Aged Care that she was invited to apply for work with the facility. Tarsh said "I am so proud of myself for finishing the course".

Tarsh often takes her children to visit the residents. It was Tarsh's 'Give it a go' attitude that landed her the job as a personal carer. We are so proud of Tarsh and her achievement.

## Helping parents boost their skills

Chris is from Mudgee and is boosting his skills with a Certificate II in Screen and Media.

**Baby & Child First Aid Class**

*birth beat* bettering your birth experience

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This course is delivered by Birth Beat for Joblink Plus ParentsNext participants

Joblink Plus and Birth Beat have partnered to prepare parents and carers to confidently care for their children in an emergency situation.

Birth Beat Baby and Child First Aid is not your typical first aid course. You will have fun with other parents in a relaxed environment. Your host Edwina is a registered Midwife, Emergency Nurse and mother.

## Heroes Day - Children at work

What a great way to spend the day showing your children what work is all about and how much fun it can be!

## Christmas parties

Joblink Plus held Christmas parties for ParentsNext participants. Our families enjoyed lunch, activities and arts and crafts and received a gift from Santa. What a great way to finish a big year.

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You can bring your children to your ParentsNext appointments. We have a creative space just for them!

## Work Ready Courses

Joblink Plus ParentsNext are regularly running courses in Individual Support, Community Services, Business Administration, Hospitality and Cleaning. Contact one of our Joblink Plus ParentsNext support team members. Follow us on Facebook to find out when the next course closest to your town is available.

## WORK READY PROGRAM

Participants will gain the skills to -
- Access child care and navigate Mygov
- Balance parenting and returning to work
- Look at their transferrable skills
- Write a resume and apply for jobs
- Lunch provided – participants will work to a budget and set a menu plan for lunches throughout the duration of the course

## Find your next step with ParentsNext

**ParentsNext is for parents who:**

- have a child under 6 years of age

- haven't had paid work in the last 6 months

- have been getting Parenting Payment for the last 6 months

**We will:**

- listen to you

- help you identify and achieve your education and employment goals

- connect you with general support - like health, education, child care, housing and meeting other parents

## Community Connect Day in Moree

Quoted from https://www.mpsc.nsw.gov.au/index.php/hot-topics/media-releases/693-moree-community-connect-day

We have had some great feedback on our Community Connect Day in Moree. See below.

*"The day is community collaboration at its best! Residents have the opportunity to find out about the resources that are available; while the various agencies and services work together to showcase information,"*

*"Often people come to these events because they aren't sure where to get help or who they can discuss their issues with."*

*"Services and agencies also benefit as they interact with each other, introduce new staff and generally discuss community issues on a broad scale."*

The ParentsNext team are interested in connecting with all communities, services and providers to ensure that suitable support is available to our participants where ever they may need it.

Our Joblink Plus ParentsNext participants have the opportunity to give their feedback on the ParentsNext program and our consultations. We would love for our participants to attend these forums and contribute ideas and suggestions in a supportive environment.

Come along for a cuppa and some light refreshments and to have a chat about what you'd like to see from the program! Stay tuned to our facebook page for the next forum closest to you www.facebook.com/JoblinkPlusParentsNext/

**WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK**

**ParentsNext FEEDBACK FORUM**

Come down and have a chat with us!