

Career Statement

My upbringing in a group home and navigating the challenges of its environment resonated and inspired me to want to become a Child and Youth Care Worker. My journey is what caused my desire to want to support other children in their own growth and resilience. Growing up was not easy, but I never let it take over. I immersed myself in opportunities at every corner. Whether it was my diverse volunteer experiences, involvement in initiatives, or actively participating in sports and extracurricular activities. "You name it, I did it!" My journey marked by academic excellence and community engagement symbolizes a commitment and dedication to understanding and addressing the lives of children and their diverse needs. "We are much more than the cards we are dealt." From participating in clubs like Kiwanis Key Club and the Chilliwack Hospice's Teen Grief Training, to volunteering with organizations such as the Salvation Army, Rotary Club, and Big Brothers Big Sisters, it has provided me the skills to empathize, support, and advocate for those in need. By volunteering with Special Olympics to contributing to the Senior Resource Centre, I have dedicated countless hours to supporting various causes, learning the importance of patience, compassion, and effective communication in providing care and guidance to diverse groups, all which will be helpful in a career as a child and youth care worker. I was once told if you have a heart to understand, an ear to listen, and a desire to help people, then you will be good at working with at-risk children. I have all of these and more. My plan is to attend the University of the Fraser Valley in the fall, and complete my bachelor's in child and Youth Care, with the hopes to work in either early intervention or in the public school system. I envision a career devoted to nurturing and guiding children through care, empathy, and support, during challenging times. Through my involvement in initiatives and my genuine passion for helping others I know I can create an environment where children feel valued, understood, and have the support to thrive. Some of my darkest moments were brightened by my youth care worker, and through their guidance and support I was able to overcome the challenges and look towards a bright future. Funding for my education rests solely on myself, but feeling valued, heard, and empowered to thrive, through the help of teachers and supports throughout my life, has given me the drive to work hard and dedicate my time and effort into helping support myself through the way of scholarships, part time work, and co-op placements. Even though I was put through some challenging times, growing up in a group home is part of my journey of who I am!