

First Steps Children's Centre

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I wanted to volunteer because I love working with children, they are so much fun. I also wanted to learn and gain more experience.

The training I had was really good. I use some of the songs in our mums and tots group at my local church, and I also did a first aid course which has been very useful.

As a volunteer I've been involved in planning of the Baby Stay and Play group. I've been able to input my ideas and sometimes I take the lead in the group, doing the parachute songs and circle time.

I also spend time talking to parents, supporting and encouraging them to be part of the group and helping new parents to settle in.



At the end of the session I help tidy up putting things away for next time.

How did I volunteer?

I attended a baby development course at Digmaor and I was asked by Shirley if I was interested in becoming a volunteer in the Baby Stay and Play group. I decided to give it a go and am so glad I did.

At the moment I hope to carry on volunteering within the group and in the future I would like to do a teaching assistant qualification and become a teaching assistant within the school.

It's been really fulfilling being a volunteer and helping out. I have enjoyed meeting the parents and watching the little ones grow and develop.

I really look forward to Monday mornings.

Where am I now?

Becoming a volunteer has been a very rewarding experience and has really helped to build my confidence.

I'm now really confident talking to parents and also taking the lead within the group.

I also feel confident enough to give my input when planning for the group with the Outreach Support worker.

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