

## **More confident children and parent**

Julie left school in Leicester at 16 with 8 CSE's and 3 'O' Levels. She has not worked for the past 9 years since having children.

Julie was recruited to her first family learning course by the Ethnic Minority Advisory Service tutor at the school gate. This course was *My Family on the Computer* and was just what Julie needed to update her skills and get her out of the house, where she felt isolated. It was a chance to work one to one with her child and to have childcare support.

Julie became friendly with lots of other parents and met families from other cultures, especially Asian parents. She went on to complete more family learning courses and enrolled in further education for an NVQ Childcare course. She now does voluntary work in schools as 'Special Needs Support', and would like to find paid work, probably with children.

Julie says that her children loved having quality time with Mum on the family learning courses and seeing her around the school has given her children more confidence as well. She can help them with homework now as she feels more confident in her ability.

Julie sees her learning as 'enriching her life' and to be awarded certificates that mean something was immensely rewarding and reassuring.

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