

Success Story

Natasha and 2yr. old son, Aaron....



Fleeing domestic violence Latasha relocated to Kitsap County in 2009. She and son Aaron were couch-surfing with relatives before coming to Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) for help.

A friend had referred her to KCR, but she wasn't sure what, if any, help she'd receive. "I knew a little about KCR and I was hoping I'd be able to find a place to live for me and my son." KCR did place Latasha and Aaron into an emergency shelter and gave Latasha the security she needed.

"I had family in the area, but there wasn't a bed or space for us. KCR gave me the stability I needed so I could figure out what to do next."

Taking advantage of KCR's homeless shelter, Rapid Re-housing, Employment Education and Training, Financial Education and Asset Building programs, and individualized case management services Latasha was able to start setting goals and getting back on her feet.

Without the worry of where she'd sleep next, Latasha was able to focus on other life issues. She first found a full-time job, enrolled in school and began saving for an apartment.

Financial Education and Asset Building classes gave Latasha the knowledge she needed to prepare for the future. "No one had ever taught me about credit and finances. In the past I had just lived pay check to pay check, but I learned so much by attending the financial education classes.

I received credit counseling and then I opened a bank account and began saving for long-term purchases and establishing my credit. I'm very excited now because in a few more months I'll be able to buy my first car."

KCR's comprehensive services have given Latasha the opportunity to move from crisis to stability to thriving. Through the security of a home, finding employment, saving for future assets, and working to complete her college degree, Latasha has greatly improved her life and that of her son's.

The investment of services provided by KCR is paying off now and will continue to pay off for years to come for Latasha and for her son.