

# NADJA'S STORY

*Removing the barrier of childcare for higher education*

Nadja, a kindergarten assistant at Oakdale Elementary, had childcare plans for her son so that she would be able to go back to school to finish her early childhood education.

However, those plans were shaken when her family member became ill. This left Nadja earnestly searching for childcare, but everywhere was either at capacity, too far from her home, or out of her budget.

Then, Nadja received a Childcare Scholarship from UWYC. This gave her the opportunity to work, save money, and go back to school to continue her early childhood education, knowing her child is being taken care of in a quality childcare center.

Now, she is on her way to reaching her goal of becoming a certified K-12 teacher. Through Rock Hill School's partnership with North Greenville University, she has secured an internship in the Fall and will graduate in one year.

By removing the barrier of childcare for Nadja, she is able to earn a degree that will enable her to earn more and reach financial stability.





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