

## Programmed for Success

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In a tech-focused world, not having computer skills can make or break your job prospects. Brantford resident **Aimee Harrison** decided to upgrade her computer skills to achieve a better life for her and her family, getting a more satisfying job and creating a better work-life balance.



Aimee had been working as an Early Childhood Educator at a day-care. Feeling she needed a change and hoping for a job that better matched her son's hours, Aimee applied for a job at the school board.

Watching her son use the computer with ease, Aimee realized her out-dated computer skills could hamper her search, so she looked into upgrading her skills. She was directed to the [Brant Skills Centre](#), where she completed a number of courses on Microsoft Office, Excel and PowerPoint. Aimee now feels more at ease with computers, and is able to keep up with her son.

She also got the job at the school board.

Aimee said upgrading her computer skills was a smart move for her, and others, to make. "If I can do it being a single mom, others can too," she said. "If you don't have money available, look for where it's free. There are services available, and people to help find services you can use."

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