

Grand Erie Learning Alternatives offers a second chance to be role-models

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Sometimes there are second chances in life.

For many of our champions, adult and continuing education programs gave them a second chance to complete their Secondary School diplomas and be better role models for their children. Their experience has set them on the path to more education or better paying jobs.

High school was difficult for Brantford-resident **Jennifer Hill** the first time around. She was kicked out of one school and left an alternative learning program after Grade 11. Ten years later, Jennifer was talking to her three children about what they wanted to do when they grew up. Her son told her he wanted to stay home like his mom. It was a wake-up call, and Jennifer knew she had to go back to school so her children would have someone to look up.

She went to [Grand Erie Learning Alternatives](#), received eight credits through [Prior Learning Assessment Recognition](#), and completed an additional six through GELA's full-time studies. She has been accepted to [Niagara College](#) for a business accounting program, and plans to

take additional courses.

"I feel so much better about myself now," Jennifer said. "Doors are open to me and I have way more opportunities."

Education Works Alliance is a community group dedicated to building prosperity through training, education and lifelong learning. The group's mandate is to raise the education, literacy and skill levels of Grand Erie residents, in order to broaden opportunities for employments and economic development. For more information visit www.educationworks.ca