

Outstanding WIOA Adult Award 2018 - Dani Hearn

As a mother, Dani Hearn was determined to improve her life, so she earned her GED from Central Carolina Community College and began receiving WIOA program services through the NCWorks Career Center of Chatham County in April of 2016.

During her WIOA program enrollment, Dani worked hard, and did not allow her past to hinder her from her goal of becoming a nurse. In August of 2016,

Dani completed her CNA training, and in May of 2018, Dani earned her Associate's Degree in Nursing from Central Carolina Community College. She passed her state licensure exam shortly after.

Ms. Hearn obtained employment with Thrive Skilled Pediatric Care as a Licensed Practical Nurse and is currently earning livable and sustainable wages. As an LPN, Dani cares for seriously ill children in their homes. She provides assistance with ventilators, feeding, and medication and performs respiratory interventions. Dani also trains the children's family members to provide proper medical care to their loved ones.

Upon learning that she was being nominated for this award, Dani stated the following: "working in this field with children who need constant care and support 24 hours a day is not for everyone, but I enjoy what I do. I broke the cycle, and my son will never have to struggle the way I did."

Picture: (l to r) TSWDB Member Vicki Newell presented Dani Hearn, and her son, with the Outstanding WIOA Adult Award at the 2018 TSWDB Awards Banquet.

