

## NextGen Lee Success Story: Kapresha McDonald

In December of 2018, Kapresha McDonald came to the career center to inquire about the Triangle South Workforce Development Board's WIOA NextGen (Youth) Program. As a young single mother, Kapresha wanted to provide a better life for herself and her son. She was interested in pursuing a career as a Dental Assistant, however, she did not have the financial means to pay for the training.

After meeting with a NextGen Case Manager, she enrolled in the WIOA Youth Program and began taking classes at Sandhill's Dental Career Center on January 5th, 2019. Throughout her training, Kapresha stayed in constant communication with her NextGen Case Manager and kept her up-to-date on all of the progress she was making in her classes and coursework.

Kapresha graduated with a certificate in Dental Assisting on March 16th, 2019. When returning to the NCWorks Career Center in Lee County to show off her certificate to her Case Manager, she was glowing and smiling from ear to ear. She was proud of herself for reaching her goal, and staff at the Career Center were proud of her as well.

Currently, Kapresha is getting assistance with obtaining a job within her field of training. She is looking forward to providing for herself and her son through her work as a Dental Assistant. Thanks to the assistance of the TSWDB NextGen program, she can now obtain employment in a field that she loves while earning sustainable wages.



Picture Caption - L to R: NextGen Case Manager Marcelle Ford, Kapresha McDonald, and NextGen Supervisor Renee Harris at the NCWorks Career Center in Lee County.