



NEKLS Spotlights a Successful Student

Sheena Stewart was a young girl who believed that she would never amount to anything, as everyone around had told her. Today she is a senior in college who now believes she ***“can do anything she wants to do.”***

After graduating from Danville High, Sheena wanted to go to college, but still lacked the confidence and study skills necessary. Life changed for Sheena when her mother suggested talking with the people at Northeast Kingdom Learning Services.

“I would not have gotten into college if I didn’t have the help the teachers there gave me,” she says. ***“They made it easier, supported me, and let me pick out projects that interested me. I felt welcomed there, and I was able to learn at my own pace. I discovered that I liked what I was studying and found myself enjoying reading and writing...especially poetry.”***

Sheena’s feeling of success and empowerment is a common experience for young adults wanting to either complete their high school education or, as in Sheena’s case, develop skills needed to further their education. NEKLS’ St. Johnsbury Education Center Manager, Deb Leach, who worked with Sheena, said, *“We provide many educational services for our students, and Sheena’s story is a great one to talk about.”*

Next year Sheena will be receiving her Bachelor’s degree in early childhood development from Springfield College. She is proud of her accomplishment and excited about her future and the opportunities that await her.