

Manatee Community Action Agency, Inc.



Donna Hunter

Certified Occupational
Therapy Assistant

“ This program took a lot of stress off of my shoulders and June had confidence in me which really kept me going and making me want to do my best.”

Read Donna's Story of Success

Meet Donna Hunter. Ms. Hunter came to Manatee Community Action Agency (MCAA) in search of support and assistance as she began her journey toward economic independence and self reliance. The mother of an energetic ten year old daughter, she knew that education was key to her future and that of her daughter's.

Donna had already accomplished much by obtaining her Certified Nursing Assistant and Pharmacy Tech credential, but she was still dependent on assistance programs to make ends meet. After researching a variety of careers that fit her interests and talents, she entered the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at State College of Florida, while she continued to work part-time.

She also began the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program offered by MCAA, and met with her FSS Specialist monthly for support, to problem solve and identify possible solutions to challenges she was facing, and to discuss a variety of topics related to her family's future economic independence.

After two years, Donna's work and persistence paid off—big time. Upon graduation, she immediately accepted a full time position, with benefits, at an annual salary of \$54,000. As Donna is the true “go getter girl”, she also has access to on call work at \$30.00-\$35.00 per hour.

Donna is making good use of her resources and has acquired a reliable car, and will soon be a homeowner. The small investment in Donna through the Family Self Sufficiency Program paid big dividends for all of us. GREAT JOB Donna!!

Family Self Sufficiency Program

The Family Self Sufficiency Program is provided through the Community Services Block Grant funding, and is designed to assist individuals who are committed to attaining economic self-sufficiency for themselves and their families through work and education involvement.



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