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# Apprenticeship Success at Memorial Childcare Academy

Since its establishment, Memorial Childcare Academy in Owosso, Michigan, has dedicated itself to supporting families in nurturing and educating their children. Under the leadership of Executive Director Adam Grass, the academy has made strides in enhancing its offerings, particularly through the launch of a new apprenticeship program for Childcare Development Specialists in partnership with GST Michigan Works!

Ariana, one of the dedicated apprentices, has recently completed her USDOL Registered apprenticeship program on April 9th, 2026. With this achievement, she is stepping into the position of Lead Teacher, ready to make a meaningful impact on the children and families in her community.

Adam Grass, Executive Director of Memorial Childcare Academy, praised Ariana's dedication and hard work, stating, "Ariana has shown exceptional commitment throughout her apprenticeship. Her promotion to Lead Teacher is a testament to her skills and passion for early childhood education. We are thrilled to have her leading our team as we continue to create a nurturing environment for our children."

Ariana expressed her gratitude for the support she received throughout her journey. "Completing my apprenticeship has been an incredible experience. I am thankful to GST Michigan Works! for providing the funding that enabled me to obtain essential tools like my laptop and supplies, which were vital for my studies. I am excited to step into the role of Lead Teacher and contribute to fostering a love of learning in the children at Memorial Childcare Academy."

Ariana's success not only showcases her individual achievement but also highlights the impact of the apprenticeship program in addressing the need for skilled childcare professionals at Memorial Childcare Academy. With mentorship, hands-on experience, and essential resources, Ariana is well-prepared to create an active and exploratory learning environment for her students.

This success story exemplifies the collaborative efforts between Memorial Childcare Academy, GST Michigan Works!, and dedicated individuals like Ariana, all of whom are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of children and families in Owosso and the surrounding areas.