Shasia Willis Savings Program Graduate, Start Smart Program Graduate & Economic Opportunities Fund (EOF) Client

"My business is helping children and families become successful. What I've learned about success in business is that it's not just about offering good products or services, but also about gaining the financial knowledge and resources to regenerate them."



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Shasia's belief that "all children have the capacity to become productive, well-rounded, compassionate individuals" led her to start her own childcare center. WORC's Start Smart training helped her to create a viable business plan, and the Savings and EOF programs allowed her to purchase furniture and equipment and to put a down payment on her newly acquired commercial space in North Central Philadelphia. Pieces of the Puzzle's mission is to provide "educational programming that prepares young children for success and strengthens family life, relationships, and self-sufficiency skills."