



## A Journey of Resilience and Passion: Lilyanna Tobias' Early Childhood Education Story

Lilyanna Tobias always had a natural affinity for children. From a young age, she was the family babysitter and mother figure, the one everyone turned to when they needed someone to look after the kids.

Fondly referred to as Mama Lily, this early exposure to childcare sparked a deep interest in early childhood education, which would eventually shape her career path. However, Lilyanna's journey to becoming an early childhood educator was far from straightforward, marked by personal challenges and life-changing experiences that tested her resilience and dedication.

***"My big goal is just genuinely to make kids feel safe and welcomed. I know a lot of kids go home to not such happy homes and my biggest thing is to make sure that at least somebody loves them and they know it. They know that they've got somebody to comfort that."***