

Jennifer G.

Jennifer is a single mother who moved to the Toledo area a few years ago. She wanted to go to school to become a nurse and to build a better future for her family. Child care is a critical need for Jennifer, whose family and close friends all live in Michigan. None are close enough to assist with child care on a regular basis. When Jennifer and her son Ethan first moved to Toledo, his school was not a good fit.

Both Jennifer and Ethan struggled with school and the challenges of being away from their extended family support system. Jennifer searched for a new home and new child care in Sylvania. She knew she needed a reliable, safe and affordable child care program, one that she could trust daily to care for her

son before and after school. In Sylvania Child Care, she found all that and more. Ethan has blossomed in his new school, and he truly enjoys being with his friends in the Hillview/Whiteford extended time program. Some of his summer is spent in the all-day summer camp while the rest is spent with family in Michigan. He likes just being able to hang out with his friends and particularly loves

going on field trips. Jennifer says "Ethan has friends here; I just don't worry about him while I'm at work." Her challenge, however, was how to continue to afford this wonderful program. As a single mother, solely responsible for her family's needs, she found it very difficult financially, and was close to making a decision to leave the program. Through Ashley, the Hillview/Whiteford site



administrator, Jennifer applied for and is receiving tuition assistance from Sylvania Child Care. "Without this program, I wouldn't be able to work. It's a huge help."