

# DAVETTE STEPHENS

Owner: Just a Helping Hand Daycare  
Stamford, CT



“I am thankful for all the help and resources provided by the WBDC and would love to see more women in my position approach the WBDC, without the preconceived notion that only solidified businesses can benefit from the available services.”

- Davette Stephens

Four years after starting her daycare business, a friend convinced her to approach the WBDC, where she attended a seminar and was later advised to enroll in FastTrac® to create a business plan.

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HAND DAY CARE**

By taking FastTrac® Davette hoped to gain access to the economic resources available to her to help fund her expansion, which would involve renovations to her home business. The class did more than just provide resources, however, opening Davette’s eyes to a world of business she was unaccustomed to, showing her what investors were interested in and what they did not want to see, the importance of paying oneself especially, as well as the crucial need for a business plan.

As a licensed day care center, Just a Helping Hand Daycare is advertised on the Connecticut State website, giving Davette a great amount of exposure, so much, in fact, that she has to turn down a number of parents. Expansion of her business would allow her to take on more children within her home environment, as well as create two additional jobs in the process.

