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After his daughter was diagnosed with a disability about six years ago Jesse Wright knew he wanted to work in the community service field, and was not about to allow a lack of relevant experience stop him.

“My background was in hospitality and bar work but I believe if you know you want to make a career out of this type of work (disability support) it certainly helps,” he said.

St Michael’s, which began life as a school in Newstead and has now grown to be an NDIS approved provider offering a broad range of services for more than 210 participants in Devonport and Launceston including:

- Centre-based programs
- On-site personal support programs
- Off-site personal support programs
- Community access
- Off-site community respite
- Support Coordination
- Training
- Independent Living Units

Jesse said he found the diversity of the work was one of the most appealing features.

“I feel that helps me appreciate the little things (success made as participants work towards their goals) and helps me keep everything in perspective,” he said.

St Michael’s CEO Mike Thomas said a career within the disability sector was a highly rewarding profession.

“St Michael’s Association has over 190 staff members across our Launceston and Devonport program areas,” he said.

“Our staff members come from diverse life experiences which enriches the lives of our participants.”

For additional information regarding a career in disability please call St Michael’s on (03) 6331 7651 or email info@stmichaels.asn.au

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