

Devin Boquist

Community Success **Story**

For 34 year-old Devin Boquist of Richmond, going through The Transitions Program unleashed his entrepreneurial spirit.

“It instantly felt like a good fit,” Devin said. “It helped me solidify my ideas and get going in a new direction.”

Devin had worked in the trade show business for a number of years, working long hours for someone else’s company. He knew he wanted some kind of change, but wasn’t sure what his next step would be. He initially thought he would just look for another job, but the program gave him some other – and much more valuable – options.

He turned his knowledge of the trade show industry into a thriving business in the fall of 2008 by starting his own company, called Momentum Trade Show Services. The Transitions Program showed Devin how to think about his future and what he would need to do to start his business.

“I don’t think I would have gone into business on my own without having taken the program.”

Devin found an interesting niche in the trade show business. He contracts out management and organizational services to other companies. For one company, he handled scheduling of labour for a major trade show and he is working with another organization restructuring their operations.

Devin and his wife Caroline have two children aged six and ten and he finds the freedom to schedule his own hours gives him more time to spend with his family.

“The Transitions Program gave me the confidence to do this,” he said. “It was just great.”

