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00:00:02,720 --> 00:00:05,040

Tyler, he's a pretty cool kid.

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00:00:05,040 --> 00:00:08,040

He's raw and real and I wouldn't have it any

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00:00:08,040 --> 00:00:09,920

other way now.

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00:00:09,920 --> 00:00:12,920

It’s been a hell of an experience, that’s for sure.

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00:00:12,920 --> 00:00:14,120

Yeah.

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00:00:14,120 --> 00:00:16,960

A good one…now.

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00:00:18,360 --> 00:00:21,760

Tyler as a baby, he was something else.

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00:00:21,760 --> 00:00:26,200

I know parenting is hard, but it wasn't something that

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00:00:26,200 --> 00:00:28,120

I was prepared for.

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00:00:29,080 --> 00:00:31,120

He didn't sleep for at least the first two years.

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00:00:31,120 --> 00:00:33,280

He only slept about 2 hours a night.

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00:00:33,280 --> 00:00:35,000

He just screamed all the time.

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00:00:35,000 --> 00:00:38,000

And I felt like I was failing because I couldn't

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00:00:38,000 --> 00:00:40,160

form a relationship with him.

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00:00:40,160 --> 00:00:44,560

They initially, at eight months old, they said he was scoring

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00:00:44,560 --> 00:00:46,680

normally in everything.

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00:00:46,680 --> 00:00:51,840

And then I kept pushing for answers and nothing really happens

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00:00:51,840 --> 00:00:53,200

for a long time.

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00:00:53,760 --> 00:00:56,560

And when he was two, he was finally diagnosed.

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00:00:56,560 --> 00:00:59,560

That was sort of like a state of shock.

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00:01:00,840 --> 00:01:01,880

I was suicidal.

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00:01:01,880 --> 00:01:03,640

I didn't know what to do.

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00:01:03,640 --> 00:01:06,160

Like I tried to drive in front of a truck with

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00:01:06,160 --> 00:01:07,920

Tyler in the car.

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00:01:07,920 --> 00:01:10,080

It's not something that you ever want.

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00:01:10,080 --> 00:01:11,840

To be in that position.

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00:01:11,840 --> 00:01:13,480

Sorry.

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00:01:14,600 --> 00:01:18,640

I suppose I had to fully immerse myself in it, and wrap myself

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00:01:18,640 --> 00:01:22,400

around it and understand everything that autism was and how

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00:01:22,400 --> 00:01:24,200

I can best support him.

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00:01:24,200 --> 00:01:27,200

Once I realized that, that's when the cogs started ticking over.

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00:01:27,200 --> 00:01:29,440

I actually needed to help myself.

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00:01:30,320 --> 00:01:33,320

In the early sessions, it was getting to know the family

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00:01:33,320 --> 00:01:34,880

and getting to know Kelly.

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00:01:34,880 --> 00:01:36,240

We'd talk about goals and what we can

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00:01:36,240 --> 00:01:37,280

put in place.

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00:01:37,280 --> 00:01:39,040

You know what we can utilize the budget

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00:01:39,040 --> 00:01:40,360

to do around that.

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00:01:40,360 --> 00:01:43,320

It was all about planning and goal setting.

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00:01:43,320 --> 00:01:46,080

Is managing the budget working for you?

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00:01:46,080 --> 00:01:48,200

Oh, it's so easy.

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00:01:48,200 --> 00:01:52,400

It's amazing being able to get him what he needs

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00:01:52,400 --> 00:01:53,360

when he needs it.

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00:01:53,360 --> 00:01:56,280

And yeah, it's awesome.

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00:01:57,280 --> 00:02:00,680

Kelly is the type of person who does a lot of research.

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00:02:00,680 --> 00:02:05,200

So she’ll say, Junior this equipment will help my son learn more

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00:02:05,200 --> 00:02:07,360

and be able to notice things more.

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00:02:07,360 --> 00:02:10,880

But she can utilise the budget straight away to

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00:02:10,880 --> 00:02:12,640

purchase that online and it'll be here

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00:02:12,640 --> 00:02:13,480

in a few days.

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00:02:15,720 --> 00:02:16,760

So we’re balancing.

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00:02:16,760 --> 00:02:18,680

Going to move back, back, back.

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00:02:18,680 --> 00:02:21,680

Use your tummy muscles.

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00:02:21,680 --> 00:02:22,840

And forwards.

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00:02:23,360 --> 00:02:26,120

Kelly has taken everything on.

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00:02:26,120 --> 00:02:27,200

She's very involved.

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00:02:27,200 --> 00:02:31,840

She has a very good understanding of Tyler's condition as well as

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00:02:31,840 --> 00:02:35,280

the system and what works and what doesn't work.

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00:02:35,280 --> 00:02:37,760

And she's always out there looking for new things.

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00:02:38,240 --> 00:02:40,160

Step with your hands.

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00:02:40,160 --> 00:02:41,400

Good job.

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00:02:41,400 --> 00:02:43,920

Strong arms and back.

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00:02:44,520 --> 00:02:47,520

Tyler has been attending conductive education sessions since

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00:02:47,520 --> 00:02:49,880

he was about a year old.

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00:02:49,880 --> 00:02:53,440

He was mainly working, initially especially,

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00:02:53,440 --> 00:02:54,760

on gross motor skills.

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00:02:54,760 --> 00:02:58,240

So big movements, balancing, coordination,

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00:02:58,240 --> 00:02:59,400

strengthening.

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00:02:59,400 --> 00:03:02,400

Moving onto fine motor skills as well.

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00:03:02,400 --> 00:03:06,800

So more of the puzzles and eye hand coordination,

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00:03:06,800 --> 00:03:08,560

hand movements.

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00:03:08,560 --> 00:03:10,080

Good boy.

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00:03:10,080 --> 00:03:11,400

Well done.

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00:03:11,400 --> 00:03:16,360

From a very early age, I started to sort of get him ready for

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00:03:16,360 --> 00:03:20,480

school and his school years so he can be prepared for all that

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00:03:20,480 --> 00:03:22,280

learning that has to happen at school.

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00:03:22,280 --> 00:03:25,280

And so that he would cope well with that and the structure

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00:03:25,280 --> 00:03:27,200

at school as well.

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00:03:28,520 --> 00:03:31,280

I went to quite a few, several different schools,

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00:03:31,280 --> 00:03:35,120

to find where he was going to fit in and he sort of

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00:03:35,120 --> 00:03:37,000

chose it in a way.

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00:03:37,000 --> 00:03:39,680

He warmed to Bronwyn straight away as soon as he met her.

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00:03:40,520 --> 00:03:43,520

This is Woodstock Primary School and there is

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00:03:43,520 --> 00:03:45,800

approximately 350 students.

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00:03:45,800 --> 00:03:48,440

It's an incredibly inclusive school.

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00:03:48,440 --> 00:03:51,440

The conductive education unit where I work, the children each

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00:03:51,440 --> 00:03:53,440

belong to a mainstream class.

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00:03:54,400 --> 00:03:56,680

Tyler, how are you feeling today?

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00:03:56,680 --> 00:03:59,080

Are you excited?

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00:03:59,080 --> 00:04:00,560

Tyler’s excited.

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00:04:02,120 --> 00:04:07,720

Tyler's definitely changed a lot since he first started.

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00:04:07,720 --> 00:04:09,400

He's calm.

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00:04:09,400 --> 00:04:12,360

He is so clever.

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00:04:12,360 --> 00:04:17,640

He's just started doing puzzles that he will sit down and so quickly

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00:04:17,640 --> 00:04:19,800

be able to put a puzzle together.

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00:04:20,280 --> 00:04:21,680

I’ve learnt so much off Bronwyn.

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00:04:21,680 --> 00:04:27,520

It's great because she's actually shown me ways of how to make

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00:04:27,520 --> 00:04:30,520

him be more independent and more self-determined to do

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00:04:30,520 --> 00:04:31,800

things by himself.

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00:04:31,800 --> 00:04:34,800

A couple of weeks ago, one of the children was crying and they

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00:04:34,800 --> 00:04:37,800

got upset by a noise and he actually went over and got them a

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00:04:37,800 --> 00:04:41,440

tissue and came over and was dabbing their eyes because they

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00:04:41,440 --> 00:04:44,920

were crying which was so lovely.

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00:04:44,920 --> 00:04:45,640

So lovely.

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00:04:45,640 --> 00:04:48,720

He just wouldn't have ever done that before.

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00:04:50,480 --> 00:04:52,960

This community here is so amazing.

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00:04:52,960 --> 00:04:55,960

There's a local fire fighter in the community that heard about

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00:04:55,960 --> 00:04:59,920

Tyler and he made him a sensory board.

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00:04:59,920 --> 00:05:02,920

There's also a guy that works at Placemakers that

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00:05:02,920 --> 00:05:03,840

heard about him.

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00:05:03,840 --> 00:05:08,240

Well, I met him to ask about building a sand pit and he came and

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00:05:08,240 --> 00:05:09,640

delivered the sand.

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00:05:09,640 --> 00:05:13,360

Just real humble people and they're so generous.

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00:05:13,360 --> 00:05:14,800

It just blows you away.

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00:05:15,840 --> 00:05:18,320

This is the final practicum part

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00:05:18,320 --> 00:05:19,720

that I’ll get you to sign off.

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00:05:20,760 --> 00:05:25,320

I am studying a Mental Health and Wellbeing certificate and

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00:05:25,320 --> 00:05:29,320

Junior has been my supervisor for that.

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00:05:29,320 --> 00:05:31,440

It's been good to help myself with

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00:05:31,440 --> 00:05:32,840

my own mental health.

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00:05:32,840 --> 00:05:35,840

That’s it, I'll be graduating next year.

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00:05:35,840 --> 00:05:36,880

Yeah.

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00:05:37,800 --> 00:05:39,000

That’s awesome.

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00:05:39,000 --> 00:05:41,320

Give me that paper, let me sign it.

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00:05:43,160 --> 00:05:45,320

I suppose there is hope now.

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00:05:45,320 --> 00:05:48,320

There wasn't in the early days.

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00:05:48,320 --> 00:05:54,440

Yeah, he's just on an awesome trajectory and in the last year he's

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00:05:54,440 --> 00:05:59,680

just done phenomenally with his cognition and development.

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00:05:59,680 --> 00:06:00,120

Yeah.

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00:06:00,120 --> 00:06:05,160

I want to put as much into it now so that later in life

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00:06:05,160 --> 00:06:08,960

he doesn't need as much assistance and that he can be

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00:06:08,960 --> 00:06:11,560

as independent as possible.