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Dare to Dream

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Iowa's Mental Health Advocate for Children, Youth & Families

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focusing on the behavioral, motional and
mental health of all children.**

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Dare to Dream Readers,

Iowa Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health asked the youth who reside at Iowa Juvenile Home in Toledo and the State Training School in Eldora to dream and to tell us what in an ideal State-of- the-Art System of Care would look like. This system is based on their own experiences as youth who are involved with the current system in Iowa. We chose to expand our Dare to Dream project this year to include the youth because so often their voice is not heard.

The youth who reside at the Iowa Juvenile Home and the State Training School are involved with many systems within the state. The one that we feel is very important to mention is that The Iowa Juvenile Home has adopted the Positive Behavioral Support philosophy and practice through out their campus.

These are their statements about what the service system would look like when the "dream" comes true. Iowa Federation of Families does not change the wording of what someone has said.

With all of us working together our dream can become a reality!

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Sincerely,

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Youth Dare to Dream

If you could dream your wildest dream what would your life be like at home, in school, in your community, and with anyone who provides services to you?

On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids At Home: Iowa Juvenile Home Toledo

- I'd dream of a happy home, where everyone can get along with each other. People can speak their mind and be themselves with out being picked on or down graded because of what they do.
- We don't judge people for the way they look, talk, or anything else. People have money to buy the things they need and some things they want. People are happy and glad to be alive.
- To not do drugs and to see the one that is inside them.
- To have a happy healthy life and not be teased or harassed.
- Their parent would love them more, and they would love their parents more.
- They would also feel safer
- That my mom will accept my past
- Well I wouldn't be home I would be in Africa helping the poor & sharing the word of God. My cousins would be there. We would build churches & I wouldn't have to be ashamed of being bisexual nor would anyone else.
- Won't get abused by their parents.
- Parents won't abuse drugs in front of their kids, live in a clean home
- I would be a happy kid. I would be taking my dog for walks everyday. I would be respectful to my family. My family would be happy forever
- I would have a big room with a glad light and all the R&B & rappers autograph all over my walls. My own phone and phone line, a computer with internet. A walk-in closet. Have a huge bed. Black or purple carpet with an automatic door.
- For my mom to get out of prison.
- To live in a big house
- I would be with my family that I love dearly and they would take me to Paris, to Disney Land
- I wish my dad would not have done drugs and been able to stay with my mom. And in my life I wish my mom would have made wiser choices with the men she married. I wish that my sister and I would have gotten along better and that I could have had a better relationship with my mom
- I would like to have my own room and for my dad to have his own bedroom so we wouldn't have to share rooms I want my own TV. Same for my dad
- I would like to be with my family and my girlfriend. Be a good uncle to my niece.
- I want to be a good friend
- I would like to grow up
- I will be happy because I will be home. I want my mom and dad to be safe. I want to be with my family
- Nicer parent, no abusers

- There are no more drugs from my mom and my father would stop hitting my mom and we all would stay out of jail/prison
- I would like to see more attention on important issues in the home setting such as violence in the family. And more money going into helping those who need it and making sure people aren't stealing money from the government.
- Going out for basketball
- More time instead of school
- Can get the help they need
- No violence, no drinking parents, safer homes for the kids
- Everyone has their own room, own Napoleon Dynamite doll, has people that he/she can talk to whenever feeling down. No one complains about those little things that people do
- Has their own coping skill that he/she can use at all times to get themselves calmed down whenever he/she is angry or upset. Has their own time to do whatever they want to do.
- Most importantly they will have a friend/ "Big Brother" to spend time with them when they need it the most.
- Be that my mom would support me and I would have a better relationship with her no one would fight and my family would learn to be a family not what they are now.
- I have my daughter
- We would not drink to get along but do it because we want to do it because its what a family should do
- If all my dreams would come true at home I would be happy being involved in sports. I would be in school
- That I would have all my family together and successful
- That there would be loving and caring and that they would all be together
- I would have a loving father and mother with two siblings we would be active in the community and go to church every Sunday. We wouldn't be poor but no rich either. We would have traditions and a vacation yearly. We would all communicate and use appropriately all out skills
- Two parents, open communication, family fun outings, cheery holidays with parents and siblings
- Financially secure
- No abuse
- At home I dream that I had stable parents, a perfect house with a family dog, a two door garage and a pool in the back yard. It's a simple dream but its something I never had. I want both parents too! Not just a single mother living with some boyfriend. I would want my own room too!
- I would be safe and feel secure about myself. There would be not hates or secrets, and everyone would respect one another for who they are.
- They would live with both mom and dad everyone would get along and respect each other.
- Families would believe in God
- Kids would feel safe.
- Kids would be responsible.
- Kids would be involved in only healthy activities
- I would have a mom and a dad who didn't use drugs who put their kids before their friends and have positive support
- I would also like to have a home that is nice and not a run down place I would love to have love and peace with my family
- That my parents would understand me and we could communicate more clearly

- No one would argue, they would talk out their problems.
- They would do family activity's and help each other out with their struggles
- Will be love instead of hate and openness instead of secrets. People will not be afraid to come home and make nice conversations instead of going straight to their room and calling a friend. When your feeling upset instead of drowning yourself in music you can talk to your parents and everyone will help each other

On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids At Home: State Training School Eldora

- I want all my family in the same home and everybody clean and out of trouble. My mom would not be struggling. My brother in Mexico would be here, too. None of my brothers would be using and my sister wouldn't either.
- Life at home would be like my parents would not fight. My dad wouldn't be gone. And life would be like a lot better
- Live the life of a king and have all the women in the world and I would live in the biggest mansion and have all the tightest, fastest cars.
- I would be able to do whatever I want and whenever I want
- I would stay home and isolate myself so I can stay home
- Dead
- Live the life of Al Capone
- Respect their elders and be themselves
- They actually have a roof over their heads
- Loving family, listen to family, and learn to respect their elders
- Help and do what their parents say
- I'd be able to do whatever I want
- Streets of gold
- Have no drugs
- Leave
- We would have everything we want
- I would like to help the homeless people and live in a big mansion
- That everyone will be treated with the same respect that they want
- There will be nobody telling on people they would mind their own business and live life like they want.
- To be truthful I would not get into trouble and I would have listened to my family members
- I'd have anything I want: including really big house, a really expensive car of my own. Also be really rich but mainly have a good home life. As in get along with my family so there aren't problems occurring at home or any conflicts
- Our parents would be happily married. There would not be any money problems. Parents wouldn't worry about bills and kids wouldn't worry about their parents only to be disappointed because they had to work late.
- My life at home would be a lot nicer. My brothers and I would not argue.
- Would be able to go out to the movies with money.
- My mom would be able to go out by herself and have fun
- To come home to a mom and dad that are not doing drugs. Parents that are like a good friend. Someone who I could talk to about drugs, sex etc.
- To do good and be good to my grandparents and my peers
- My life would be wonderful knowing that I have people who care for me. Also people who can help me when I need help
- For parents to be honest with kids. And for parents to be there for kids
- At home it would be all my family living together also everyone being there at the same time. Because sometimes we are in placements
- Never have to pay rent. Never have to go to work
- Free rent. Not have to get a job. Do everything I want with no consequences

- My family would be together we all are listening to music, playing video games, eating snacks, drinking pop, laughing and having a great time with each other then all the sudden my dad pulls out a lottery ticket for 320 million dollar he changes the channel to the news and all of his numbers are called that would be the perfect day at home
- Be able to make it though the day without using drugs.
- I wish I had so much money and power that I could do anything and my family would be proud of my for a good thing and I didn't do drugs
- My brother would stop using drugs. I follow all the laws
- I would have all of the tools and cars I want and be able to go to any college of my choice and my parents would be back together and we would live in a safe small community
- My whole family got together for a dinner out somewhere. I drove and we all just had a good time
- My dad wouldn't yell at me all the time because I would behave better at home because I don't like to be yelled at all the time
- Quiet, everybody gets along and we all have fun
- Live by myself with girlfriend. Family would love each other and treat each other with respect. Do family activities. Family spends time together and is happy. Freedom good relationship with parents. Good family. Both parents would be at home
- For me and my mom to have better communication
- Be in a positive mind set and be a healthy family. I would not lie to my parents anymore and I would have healthy communication with them. I also have a 1-year old niece that lives at my house. I would like to be able to help support her
- to have better communication with parents. Not having drugs in the home.
- that all family members get along and not fight
- No gangs or guns.
- Take away drugs and alcohol from the home environment of kids.
- My own car and place
- I would have my own place
- A family respecting everyone, not anyone just having a good time
- I wish my family would all get back together with no problems or any addictions in the family
- I wouldn't want anything to change at all, because everything is all good at my home
- All get a long to drug free.
- Lots of money. My family would be really rich and happy. I would like my family to all get along
- I would like my mom employed, my mom and her fiancé married, clean house and everyone gets along and understand one another
- Family no problems, not get locked up
- I would be able to do whatever I want and to have no limits but still be loved by my parents
- To get better stuff like the family cars, and to stop getting in trouble at home
- I would change home to where if I needed someone to talk to they would be there.
- I would open my house to my family so they could help me with the problems
- To be able to get along with all my family members
- All kids parents will be there for them
- Wouldn't nobody be arguing and fighting. We would have a good time with no alcohol
- Everyone would get along and things would go smoothly.
- Have less arguments
- That I was at home and that I was having a nice dinner with my family. And my dad was still alive

- I wish everybody didn't get in trouble in our family and to be able to celebrate holidays together
- Everybody would get along and it would be peaceful
- All together for the holidays and no arguing goes on and everyone has a good time
- To have parent that didn't do drugs or my brother didn't do drugs
- More money, better house
- To hang out with my friends and eat and watch TV
- I would be back at home with my family
- I would get along with my moms boyfriend a lot more.
- Me and my dad would get along the way were suppose to
- I would like to be off probation doing good. Having a Lamborghini Diablo. All the big screen TV's in every room
- My pops would be out of prison and everybody would be the same
- I could be there
- I don't like bossy people around
- It would have rules that have nothing to do with having chores
- To be home with my family and to never leave them again. To not get into trouble.
- To have a job
- Two parents
- It would be like I'm a superstar. And me and my family wouldn't have to worry about anything
- Both parents together, no rap sheet, no drug, normal healthy productive family, fairly wealthy, big house, cars
- Everything would be exactly how its suppose to be
- I would get another chance to give in. Not at the same house, and my dad to live with me
- Everything would be problem free, no worries about money or authorities, love all around
- My house would be huge and all of it would be filled with people all the time so I could have a lot of good memories of my friends
- The day my dream life came true I would have everything I ever wanted
- I would have everything I need, lots of money
- I'd like a dad to be there for me and my mom
- That my mom would be home married and in my life more
- A better life because I would be off probation
- A fridge full of food, cupboards all the necessities
- Better house, more money, mom and dad to get along
- With my mom not dead and my whole family back together and non of us are locked up
- To love my family
- I would like family to get along, be happy
- I want to show my mom I can do good and not to get into trouble
- To get along
- Not to struggle with money, get along with my family
- To get married and to have a house
- Not have money problems and not to have to be dependent on other people. I wish I could support my self with out having people on my case all the time and not have to worry about being home on time
- I would be able to have my entire family with me. I would be playing catch with my family
- My parents were together and always home when I need them

- Would be living at home with my parents, have a big house, have a nice car, and be the most known respectful family
- Able to converse with my family more easily and would be unlimited time period
- To have a house
- Everybody's family will be supplied with all the food they will ever need. A home for their family clothes on their back. A different outfit everyday any kind of family pet.
- Every dream I have about home is that my mom and dad are together
- I would like to have my family appreciate me
- I have a lot of dreams. Lately, one is being at home. The other is to have a home
- That family will be together now and forever
- Have a good time with my family and I'd like to have my girlfriend live with me
- Be with my mom and sisters
- To solve all of our problems
- That they have everything they want
- Have a nice house and my and my sibling to get along
- All food would be on the table and for me and my family
- To get to spend time with my family

Youth Dare to Dream

If you could dream your wildest dream what would your life be like at home, in school, in your community, and with anyone who provides services to you?

On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids At School: Iowa Juvenile Home Toledo

- Schools have all the supplies they need for the students. The government pays more money for different types of classes that can help the children with different skills
- To get all A's & B's and no detention for them
- No bullies
- Have peace with everybody.
- They would be more educated and would feel better, and to have better security systems in schools homes streets etc.
- That I will graduate with an M.D. from Allen.
- Have good teachers, won't get bullied by older kids
- Get help with all the school work they have
- My school would be the best in the city. I would have so many friends. My friends won't ever tempt me or try to get me to do drugs.
- No violence, drugs, alcohol, fights.
- All people get along even if they are different.
- Tell them about drugs, fights, sex things that their parents won't tell them. Let them know that you are there for them.
- To go to college
- I would become a photography major and take pictures of my family and friends
- I wish you were able to do all the things you wanted or at least try them.
- I wish people didn't judge or make fun of others that people got along and worked together to make school fun and memorable
- Having fun in school while learning to have more projects
- I would be a good role model
- Better computers TV's B-Balls and flags for flag football
- Newer Books and one on one time, student mentors
- Newer more accurate text books
- My dream for schools is that there will be no need for schools not to help with behavior disorder
- More education for kids
- More one on one time with teachers student aid
- Computers, better text books, and funds to do more things
- Major security systems , no more vandalizing
- They all will have their own work space so they are no too busy with talking to their friends
- Positive feed back is given each time a kid does well on his /her assignments, Maybe even a surprise is given to them is consistent.

- The day off of a holiday would be great for most people to get time off their heads
- Have all the money that we would need to be able to do and cover more fun and thinking activities. That we can learn and build ourselves at the same time. we would have more teachers for special kids and we could do more sports and we would be able to dream of our future
- We would have more classes
- In school I will graduate high school. I will be in college
- That I could go to school and not have to worry about money
- That there would be no drugs kids staying in school and passing grades being nice to one another
- That a student that doesn't have money to go with the trend could walk down the halls without getting picked on or beaten up.
- That we be able to go to school and have the right to learn.
- Not being scared of terrorism.
- Shorter school days, no cliques, no fights, anything you want to eat, fun learning, and nice teachers
- In my school I wish there wasn't groups or cliques I wish that we were all treated equal and not singled out or labeled the nerds or popular crowds
- There would be no violence people would not fight with one another, or bully the less fortunate, around,
- Teachers would be more open to help children because they want to, not because they are paid to do so.
- There would be no discrimination, no violence, or gangs, no cliques, because everyone would be accepted everyone would be happy and get along.
- Lots of kids would participate in extra-curricular activities
- I and others would not be judged on what we wear and how our hair is styled.
- Also we would be liked for who we are on the inside not the rumors that people put on us because of our past or what our family has done
- I'd get awesome grades and would excel in my extra-curricular activities.
- That I had a social life and was recognized for past things
- They would get their work done and good grades. they would have positive friends, they would get along with all of their teachers
- People should be able to stay in class without the pressure of skipping class or going to class high. You should be able to form a relationship with your teachers so your teacher knows when you need help and better education

On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids At School: State Training School Eldora

- All by bro's and sis would graduate like me
- If I could be even let into my home school. Without my school officer not always getting on my case.
- Everybody looks up to me and I would run the streets
- The beds would be nicer and the food too. And everything would be better than what it is now
- I would already be done with school, when these people let me have my freedom back
- Dead
- People would fear the schools
- They will graduate top of their class and have a 4.0 GPA
- Be an honor student
- Go to school and get A's and B's
- That we don't have to work or listen to our teachers
- Schools that looked like castles
- Learn as much as possible
- Finish college
- Anything we want for lunch
- The teachers would be under my payroll
- That kids would not make a big deal about what others look like
- I would finish high school and even go to college
- We would be able to do what we want and go to school when we want to
- Kids wouldn't worry about being made fun of
- Kids wouldn't be scared of the bullies
- We would no longer have hard chairs
- To get scholarships to go to college and to get A's and B's
- To graduate and get good grades
- I get a good education so I can get a good job
- To get good grades and to have a good relationship with the teachers
- Good grades
- That everybody would take advantage of school
- I would like to pass my GED and go to college
- Have good grades and to be positive
- Be successful and graduate with no problems
- To get good grades
- Get good grades and to play sports
- Never go to school
- Get an education without going to school
- Get a free day everyday and get to watch movies
- To focus on my work
- To get straight A's and to get a diploma
- To have no boring classes
- For me to get straight A's
- To have free and all you can eat pizza

- That we could be graded on our athletic abilities
- More services for studying
- No gang fights
- Not to be labeled
- No drugs in school and not to skip class
- To get along better with teachers
- To improve security because of large amounts of drugs
- Do away with bullying
- Less classes
- Graduate from high school
- Good grades, good education and respecting teachers
- Graduate
- Not to be judged by looks
- I would like to get good grades and to finish high school
- We stay in school to don't get kicked out
- Only focus on my interest
- Straight A's
- Teachers take the time to help
- High school diploma and go to college
- Get a college degree
- Get straight A's to get all my home work done and go to a better school
- Change schools and go to where I could stay after and volunteer
- To finish
- To get good grades and to have a good relationship with teachers
- Have passing grades and to have sports
- Not as long days and good grades
- I get all A's and get along with teachers
- Graduate from high school and get good grades
- No dropping out and get a high school diploma
- Kids got A's and B's and to get along with others
- You get to choose the classes you want
- Good grades
- Graduate
- Go to school and have only 4 classes for 20 minutes
- Go to college
- Get scholarships or college
- Get on honor roll every term
- Play every sport
- The same as everybody
- Good grades
- No grades, free scholarship 1st string b-ball payer & football
- Get home and to go to college
- Shorter days
- Have more money for arts and sports
- Get good grades and graduate
- Build a relationship with the teachers
- Safe and a good education and listen to the teachers

- Straight A's scholarships for college and be with my friends
- To do good without trying
- To be a starting pointing guard
- Pay attention
- I would get awesome grades and get along with friends and teachers
- I would get straight A's
- Straight A's and class clown
- To pay attention to the teachers while they are teaching
- It can be everyday
- Get a diploma and succeed in college
- Graduate from high school
- To wrestle
- Get help with school work
- More classes for kids and more security alarm
- More help, have work that fits my needs and to go my own pass
- No Behavioral Disorder classes considered for my academic skills not my ADHD have straight A's and learn more
- To take a test to see if you need to go to school
- Get to classes on time, good grades and graduate ,stay out of principals office
- To take classes online and to get grades that will get me into college
- Graduate
- Wear whatever I want
- Have pop and candy at lunch and to get free scholarships
- All races could interact and get along, not be singled to because of someone background
- To graduate and go to college and have a good career
- To walk into school without a problem to worry about
- Good grades
- I would like to go to school to become a welder
- Go to college and become an important person
- To be with teens my age, good grades, and to have a fun time with my friends

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On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids In Communities: Iowa Juvenile Home Toledo

- Have more things for the kids to do.
- Cleaner and not so much pollution
- No drugs on the ground.
- To be living a drug free life
- No Abuse
- To take care of our families and our lives.
- Would feel safer and can be able to take walks and go places without having to worry about their families.
- That there will be no stereotypes such as “druggies”, “preps”, and “jocks”
- No violence, no drugs given to kids out on streets, be safe where ever they go
- No drive bys, drug dealing fights rap, and kidnapping. People can walk in their own neighborhoods without getting jumped or shot. Let there be more after school programs and let there be more people out here to help kids cop with problems in the community
- To keep the community in peace There would be no violence of gangs we would live in peace and harmony
- That people work together and help each other out and that there are safe fun places for kids to go and we all work together to keep our communities clean
- For everyone to get along and no enemies committed would not be a little mean
- Kids to get adopted and to stop using drugs
- No peer pressure for the wrong stuff, better basketball stuff
- Skate parks
- All homeless people get fed one that churches help feed the hungry for free one that school do fundraisers for the homeless
- A bike park
- Skating parks, fishing parks, finish trout stream
- Football fields, basketball courts, better sport equipment, and computers
- Lower crime rates, better cleaner streets
- There will be parties for everybody and anybody that wants to come can come. There will be safe places everywhere for everybody to stay at so no one gets hurt. There will always be time for parents to go take their kids out for special activities such as going to the park, going out to eat, going for a walk, or just camping out for a night.
- People would stop the gang and drug activity so that down town would become a better place to live so we didn't get in trouble we would have less violence and it would be a place where you would be proud to say you call it home a good place to raise kids

- Community - I will be a respectful part of it and be a Des Moines County Sheriff. To protect it.
- That everybody would be happy and get along with everyone
- Would not be so many gangs and judgment and harassment that every would have world peace
- Kids have a positive place to go to do positive thing and not have society pressure to lead them into things they don't want to do.
- No drugs gangs crime get together like BBQs for the community nice parks concerts in community camps programs for summer fun
- I wish the community I live in was supported and respected the environment that they live in I wish people didn't litter or graffiti on walls I wish everyone had green grass and wide walks
- People would be more tolerant of others cultures and ethnic backgrounds there would be no discrimination of gay/ lesbians and people would generally help one another
- There would be no drugs or illegal act you would feel safe everywhere you went Everyone would get along and no fighting people would support each other and no one discriminates
- I would like to have no violence. I would like to be able to be able to have my future children grow up seeing a peaceful world. I would like if neighbors could get along and there wasn't drugs that make people in the community have such a hard time also I would like a cleaner more non-polluted area that was safe
- There will be no gangs and drugs weren't ever an issue that people compromises in a certain area
- Everyone would greet each other nicely help each other out, conversant with you
- Communities won't have gangs or certain cliques so violence isn't always on the agenda. People should get to know each other so people don't always stick to each other Also we would respect all the different views and cultures of our neighbors

On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids In Communities: State Training School Eldora

- We can walk the streets without having to double check the way from the house door to the car.
- That there would not be anything wrong or how to put it no more violence, and stuff
- I wont go hardly go anywhere,
- I would prefer to isolate myself and be alone
- Dead
- Everyone would want to be more like me
- Not break the law and be a volunteer
- Violence free, cheaper stuff
- No crime no problems with people killing people
- More recreation activates
- To get a job
- To not worry about the youth
- To clean up the gang and nonsense
- Provide better opportunities for careers
- And to clean up some neighborhoods
- For police to give more tickets
- To be positive
- And be well known
- To be safe to get a job
- Clean city
- And be drug free
- And violence free
- No gangs; to not be alone
- No kidnappings,
- To get along with neighbors,
- No robbing
- More teens stuff places to hang out
- No drugs
- Get along with others and to have things to do
- No tickets
- To get a job and an apartment
- No fines more help less violence and less drugs
- No bullies and have friends
- Clean parks
- Good reparations popularity rich
- Homes not shelters
- To keep looking
- More respect
- No probation
- No violence, cops, gangs, like heaven
- Peace, no guns gangs drugs

- Better community
- To get along
- Good reputation and be good at things
- Less violence and different
- Good community
- To not get in trouble
- Fresh slate
- Neighbors who like me
- Nicer cops
- No more bad things
- To be known
- Better respecting people
- No streets
- No staring
- Have wise friends
- No drugs
- No gangs and things to do
- No bosses
- To be respected
- To get along w/ everybody
- To get along w/ the law and not to damage the communities
- Everyone would get along
- More opportunities for all ages
- Not to get in trouble
- Not to be handed by the police
- To be a good role model for others
- To volunteer in my community
- People help when in a bad position
- Get a good paying job
- No bullies, no crimes everybody has their own money
- To live at home in town and to be accepted
- To get along w/ each other
- No drugs selling and no violence
- To get along w/ each other
- No judging freedom
- Respected, trusted
- Not to be judged for things in the past
- More sport and neighborhood activities
- Chose better friendships in the community to get a job
- To eliminate drugs
- Crime free no bullies
- Better neighborhoods safer and gang free
- For mentally retarded/handicapped not to be picked on
- Marijuana would be legal and everyone would use Marijuana Alcohol responsibly
- People know each other and gets along no shutting
- More outside playing
- No police or securities guard no fights

- Could walk alone on streets
- No robbing or shooting
- Do what wanted
- Better mall
- Positive environment place where teens can hang
- No gangs
- No locking doors
- Good mentors
- Not to judged by others
- To be cool
- To be cool w/ everyone
- To have a YMCA
- To do things I want
- More successful people
- To be normal
- Drug-free
- No criminal actions
- No disrespecting laws
- To get along w/ everyone
- For everyone to get along
- Kids not to be judged
- Get along w/ others
- Knowing there is a place in the community for me
- No to be disrespectful
- To be recognized
- To be known
- Safe places to have fun
- To have a bigger pool in my home community
- Cleaner streets by high school
- Not to be judged
- To be treated the same way as others
- More things to do to stay out of trouble
- Not to litter
- To be respectful
- To be treated fairly
- To be liked
- No more poor people
- Richest man
- To get along
- Clean rich environment
- No violence for children
- To go places w/o dogs chasing you
- Not to break the law
- To do volunteer work
- To stay away from cops

Youth Dare to Dream

If you could dream your wildest dream what would your life be like at home, in school, in your community, and with anyone who provides services to you?

On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids In Service Systems: Iowa Juvenile Home Toledo

- I wish there didn't have to be DHS and other systems because people can handle problems responsibly.
- They would be stricter on probation violators and to have people appreciated them for what they are trying to do for them.
- Would feel safer, have more freedoms to see their families more often, etc
- People won't judge us.
- There would be a day where everyone would go home to the people they love for a whole day and they come back& hopefully use that as an example to get better
- Kids won't be locked up for ever, get the help they need, staff will care for the kids
- I wish there were more people who understand me and what I have been through. My adoptive family abused me from 3 to 10 then I ran. NO one knew what was going on in the home. I wish there are people kids can go to if there is something going on at home or school, and keep an eye on the child. Family and home, placement have a lot of structured things that really never taught me things some do but people don't get the help they really need
- To treat me the age I am
- There would be no restraints in the systems and we would get to do more fun things in the system
- I wish when my worker says she is going to come see me she would and that here and my attorney would return my calls and that the plans and expectations we set don't all change
- For everyone to get treated equal, and for everyone to be happy.
- I would treat them with respect
- Better B-Ball courts
- More helping the children
- Better computers and recreational equipment
- One that we would like have the funding to do more fun things
- A football stadium with bleachers a real baseball diamond with bleachers
- Baseball, footballs, better rec. equipment
- Not share, better sports equipment, football fields, basketball court, and baseball diamond
- More rec. time, better equipment for rec.
- Every kid will have their freedom of speech. They will have time for themselves. They won't get asked Fifty-billion questions at a time if a kid doesn't want to talk. They will get to have their own privacy when they want it which includes on one reading personal journals of

theirs or when sad after a family visit or phone call they will get time for themselves without staff asking if they want to talk over and over again non-stop

- We would have more staff. Not have to shave. Be able to have more interaction between male and females together. We would be able to go out and be a part of the communities we are in and not be hid away. We would be able to have more rights to make more choices. That is just the idea of a 17 year old thought
- Service systems I will graduate from IJH
- That it is equal and available
- That they keep on helping kids that need more and kids that need help and go with them for help
- DHS Home Shelters foster homes special Programs
- Placement by maturity level not age. Effective therapy
- I wish service systems were more laid back. I wish that if teens didn't want to go live with foster parents or what not then I wish they would help provide a place for that child's own. That is if that child could handle the responsibilities
- Kids would help each other there will be no dreadful action and name calling. Staff members would b e able to have more time for weekends and everyone would have a more positive out look one each other
- Kids would all have a mentor or counselor they could rely on. Foster homes would all be safe and good homes to be in. Treatment facilities would all be beneficial and all kids could learn from them and change their ways. DHS workers would all be reliable
- I would like DHS to help more families that really need help and to provide people who don't have a family or a negative family a better one so they can feel safe. Also to make more laws than protect children and makes them safe. The police would be helpful and make others lives easier
- That kids will be believed in when they talk about abuse and adults would be more willing to listen
- People would listen to them, no one would put each other down they would be helpful nice.
- People start looking more at the feelings of kids and their emotions before they make decisions for them that could change their lives. Also that if kids get abandoned or left to the system because they have crappy parents then at least someone should love them

On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids In Service Systems: State Training School Eldora

- The phone cards won't be \$20 for 40 minutes. The stay here would be not as long and the courts would not mess with you
- Give me my consent to divorce and be adequate for all my charges
- Keep to myself most of the time
- Dead
- There would be no more system
- They will learn the right way instead of the wrong way that way they wont be locked in places
- More respect
- To look at others point of view
- There wasn't need for them
- Better rules not as strict no more racism
- To fight for their country
- Capture Sadden Hussein
- To go in the navy
- Help communities
- To do things w/o being questioned
- To visit home more
- Bend service systems
- Well behaved
- Let me be free
- Everyone would get out of placements
- That others don't have to make fun of someone to bring up their own self-esteems
- Kids at state training schools are so everyone to learn from there mistakes and get home to there family
- Not have to come here for little things.
- For visits and phone calls not to be limited for such a short time
- Not to tear families apart
- Try to help
- Get along
- Let out to go home
- To be left alone
- To get long home visits
- Better resoles in behavior
- Could help them out and repay them for what they have done
- Knowing that I am getting the help I need
- To have a good life for me
- To help kids get out of the legal system
- People that actually try to help you out and aren't just in it for the money
- That they got to know kids and help them the best way they can
- For no more to be in so all can be w/ their families
- Get out

- To be the good person on campus
- They will have a goal for life
- They wouldn't fill us so down
- Phone cards not to cost
- Get off probation
- To get off probation
- To get out of Eldora
- Eat good healthy food
- To try to care for juveniles - that could cure all judgments against them
- I wouldn't be in the system
- Staff not act like little kids
- Respect for the kids
- Not to be picky
- Food to be better
- Placement took us to Adventure land and took us to a big hotel
- Just live in our own house
- To have a stable place to stay where they fell safe and secure
- Get job training
- Get services needed to keep them out of school
- People that actually needed help would get it.
- Wouldn't need welfare
- Students wouldn't get confronted about behaviors
- Staff would loosen up and no uniforms
- Wouldn't need institutions
- All kids to be successful
- Not to struggle once they become part of the system
- To be successful in the system and then meet the guidelines/rules set by the community learn from being in the system that you need to serve communities and not continue and not to trash them
- Staff members/delivery of service personnel to be more fair and consistent on how they treat the kids.
- For there to be more group therapy.
- For placements to have more structure
- Judge/courts set a definite time limit that you can be in residential placement
- Currently many court orders are written that you can be in the placement until reaching majority age
- Target anger management/violent actions of kids
- Teach kids skills other than stealing/ criminal activity to be successful upon returning home
- More sports like boxing
- More support and more chances
- Don't give up
- Respect people
- Give each other a chance
- Get off probation
- Get a job to stay out of trouble
- Get home visits
- Spend time w/ families

- More home visits
- More home visits
- And phone calls
- No miscommunication
- Therapist don't assume things
- Not just try to keep me locked up
- I would like to be off of papers
- Better place
- Have better beds
- Nicer staff
- Better Xbox games
- Where if anybody had committed a crime and got charged with it that there would be a place where they go after school so they don't do the same thing over
- To lead a successful life because of services that I received
- Get off probation
- I could help in everything that needed help in life
- I would be well taken care of
- Get associated w/ their families more often
- Treated equally amongst their peers
- Make me feel like a reject of society
- Be a positive person
- They would be more helpful and reliable
- They would give a few more chances
- Kids would be listened to and not just heard
- They would respect and show more care for kids in negative or not so good situations
- They shouldn't be locked up. They should be making the right decision
- No kid should be here because of one of their peers experiences
- The service system is a place like STS but with girls. Also, I would like to be able to visit with any one who will come visit me
- I would be getting off probation and move on w/ my life
- They would stop locking people up
- They would be more sensitive toward me and my feelings
- Everyone would do good
- Everyone would be able to get out soon
- They would have a decent time
- I wish I will be free from systems and not break the law
- Is that everybody is treated fairly
- That people learn from there mistake
- Has the same options
- Your probation officer calls and says all charges have been dropped and can go home
- When you get out every things perfect on ones fighting or arguing and everyone is happy
- I would be to not be in the system at all
- Clean record at least as an adult
- I would listen to the people that try to help
- To have a clean slate. That way I can do anything I want
- I want to go to the National Guard
- Would have never met Brady

- Don't be in the court system
- Never had handcuffs on
- Be out of trouble
- And not to be in Eldora
- Staff wouldn't watch us as much
- I had less time
- Respect others
- I would like to get off probation
- Not get into any more trouble
- I would like to prove my JLO wrong because he thinks I can't do anything
- Not on probation at all
- Have a better relationship with Parole Officer and with tracker
- No detention center
- To be off probation
- Stay out of trouble w/ the law
- Be free
- They would have people talk to kids in communities about staying out of trouble
- Make it different
- Easier for me to get out
- Off probation
- Not to be in trouble with the law
- Not to be on probation
- No probation or placements
- All problems solved at home
- Parents are strict about punishment
- I would like to be off probation
- Be shown what happiness is
- People who actually want to help you
- Not just working another job
- Kids actually taking the help
- No probation
- No prisons
- No jails
- Perfect lives
- For my name to mean something some thing positive not negative
- I would be off staff
- I wasn't in the system
- That I would stop getting locked up
- I would be off probation
- Help others
- Stay out off trouble
- Not in a detention centers
- No probation
- No charges
- No bad grades
- Every body to get along
- Do their best to get out of the things they would cause

- Figure out what their problem is
- Not to offend
- Be out of the court system
- Be able to help others
- To get out and go home to my family
- I got to see friends
- Get help by not being away from loved one for a long time
- More swat teams
- More police officers
- For they would get help and not put in placements where they will just learn more criminal