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**Dare to Dream**

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

A statewide family advocacy organization  
focusing on the behavioral, emotional, mental,  
and social 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 at Bremwood in Waverly 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 produce a Youth Dare to Dream project this year because so often their voice is not heard.

The youth who reside at the Iowa Juvenile Home and at Bremwood are involved with many systems within the state. The system 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 all the systems would look like when the youth's "dream" comes true. Iowa Federation of Families does not change the wording of what someone has said.

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

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Sincerely,

Lori

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# **Trailer Trash**

**Broken Family  
Broken Glass  
Broken Love  
Trailer Trash**

**Torn up pictures on the floor  
Punching holes in the door**

**Mom is crying  
Dad is mad  
Where's the family we once had?**

**All is shattered  
Thrown away  
I will never forget that day!**

**Standing by my bedroom door  
Mom and Dad on the floor  
Dad had Mom by the hair  
All the violence made me scared.**

**Slamming her head to the ground  
Love is no where to be found**

**Dad is yelling  
"You Stupid Bitch"  
I am crying  
"Please stop it"**

**Broken Family  
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**This poem was written by a young lady residing at the Iowa Juvenile Home.  
She was part of a Dare to Dream panel at the Disproportionate Minority Conference**

Dear Lori,

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to "let my voice be heard." I didn't think I would be able to talk about my past but I did and it made me feel very powerful to be able to help other youth in my situation or a similar one.

I also learned a lot about myself as a person. I found out I have a very powerful inner strength; I just have to let that strength out once in a while. I think I would have been great if my lawyer and social worker could have been there. All the people who have hurt any child should have to listen to what we have to say. They need to realize that their actions have long term effects on us, sometimes even permanent ones. I have to overcome a lot of obstacles everyday due to what others have done to me in the past. I have a lot of trouble with getting close to other people because I'm afraid that they'll hurt me, reject me, or leave me. If I do get close to people I try to push them away. I do manage to push some of them away. I really regret it after. Then there are the ones who won't let me push them away. They keep coming back. Those are the ones I know really care about me. They're going to be the ones who will support me and give me the encouragement I need to make it. The one thing that has kept me going has been my stubbornness. Being stubborn is not always a bad thing. It has kept me around. I will not give into what they want me to do.

I have to make it to prove that I am stronger than they thought I was. I have something they overlooked a fire in my soul. It won't burn out I can't burnout either. I'm going to make it to prove to the world that I am somebody. I deserve to be alive and be happy. I deserve a chance. The Dare to Dream session at the DMC conference was an eye opener. It is a very worthwhile program. Thanks for giving me a chance to participate in it.

Sincerely

Jody Lynn C

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# **Schools, Home, Community, Placements and Workers**

## **My dream for my school is....**

For everyone to finish school k-12<sup>th</sup> grade because I was the one who never went to school because of the fighting, the gangs, the cliques etc. I missed so much school that I had to be in a behavioral class and I was reading at a 4<sup>th</sup> grad level and my IQ was 71 and I was only 8<sup>th</sup> grader who needed to feel safe and have belonging. My mother never helped me with school things and I thought that school was a waste of time and I stopped going and did other things. In order for you to be famous and rich in things you have to have an education. Without an education you won't make it no where. The school here Herbert Hoover High is a school here on campus and when I first came here they told me I have to go to school, I went and fell in love. The school here is just like a regular high school except you get more help and you go to classes you need to have instead of just doing things. We have vocational classes like Hy-Vee training, Trees Forever, CAN classes an various vocational out of the school. Extra off campus things so we have everything we need to graduate. And for a GED. So you can still get an education

## **My Dream for Home/ for Everyone.....**

My dream is for parents to be parents and to be in my life more. No fighting, to live together, not live a lie. Take care of us, get us ready for the real world. Family time, talks, dong things together have a great bond. Trust. Love. Honesty. And most of all **CARE**.

## **My Dream for the Communities.....**

Waking up in the morning and not having to worry about thugs or bullies bothering you at every corner. Good transportation, no shootings at all. Police doing surveillance watching, have neighborhood watches, meetings, cleaning up the community. Being good neighbors to everyone, get the tough kids off the streets and into school, after school activities not just for kids but grown folks too. Keep people busy.

## **My Goal for Placements.....**

This is my first actual placement and I thought this was going to be tough but it wasn't. There are a lot of things I love about this place (IJH)...

The one on one talks, I feel safe here and I can trust the staff here and the groups here help you not make the bad choices you made in the beginning and not make again. The only thing I didn't like was the kids getting in trouble but you could work your way out..

## **My Dream for Workers....**

Do more things with their clients and get to know them more. Come to our houses and where ever we are **Unexpectedly** and just see how we are doing

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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

- ◆ My mom would be home when I got home. She would ask me how my day was and tell me about hers. We would cook dinner together and day would come home. We would eat dinner together, and then watch TV. And at bedtime, I would get hugs and kisses and say I love you
- ◆ In the ideal world, every child would know that they are loved. No child would live in fear of being killed or hurt. Every child would have someone to turn to.
- ◆ Knowing they don't have to live in danger and have in home workers like Big Brothers and Big Sisters to help us out with our problems in our home and with our family
- ◆ In my dream world kids at home would be able to have parents that care about them, to be able to have a meal at the table 3 times a day and be about to have appropriate clothes for the season. They would also be able to feel safe, secure, and love from whoever is in their home. They would also not have to worry if they're going to be sleeping in a house or on the street they would always have a place to call home.
- ◆ There would be a big house with a bunch of kids and plenty of things to do.
- ◆ That I could stay out longer than the street lights coming on and that my dad would get outta Fort Madison and we can see each other again. I want to be able to help others who could be going through the same problems as I have.
- ◆ That the Department of Human Services would not schedule times they are going to visit our house. I wish they would just stop by and then they would see how things really are.
- ◆ To stay off the drugs, listen to the parents, stay safe, don't talk to strangers, and stay out of treatments.
- ◆ They have loving families, who care for the kids. They grow up have great lives and they lead a great Christian life, God Fulfilled have Christian kids and share their knowledge of Jesus Christ with others who are in need of God to save them.
- ◆ That the rules mom gives me were the same everywhere. Then my friend's parents would let me stay at her house until 2 instead of having to go home to my family who will be having a party with drugs, gang members and lots of sex. I just want my friend's parents to allow me to stay as late as mom will let me. I want them to understand that their house is safe and home is not.
- ◆ I would be peaceful, my parents interact with me. Show respect to each other. Have family events
- ◆ I would be able to go to friends houses; I would drive, helping with chores, more attention.
- ◆ They will be told about drugs and sex so they won't ruin their lives and they will have nutritious food.
- ◆ We would be able to get along is no fighting and yelling. We could work together to get things done. We would have open and honest communication. There would be no secrets. We could have family game nights. We would do more giving than receiving. There would be no violence or threatening. The cops wouldn't be called because we wouldn't be using drugs or running away. I would be able to voice my opinion without

confrontation. We could sit down for dinner as a family and I could tell how my day went. I could count on my family to be there when I need them and for me to be there for them. We would show more love than hate.

- ◆ Me and my family wouldn't have any problems to deal with, we would all be together, no arguments, no making any bad choices or fighting about things, we wouldn't have to deal with any pain, and we would always be happy and stick together.
- ◆ I would have a home full of love and support that no one got mad or yelled and screamed.
- ◆ Being with my family and doing things in the end would make everyone proud of history. And being able to feel not dream because most dreams never come true.

## On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids At Home: Bremwood

- ◆ I would be outside with my family and friends. Having a good time in the park having a fantastic time.
- ◆ My dream is for our parents to be more consistent
- ◆ We will be watching movies, eating, and spending time with family.
- ◆ To be happy and healthy
- ◆ There would be no fighting. There would be no divorce or drugs.
- ◆ Well just about anything to group up and get a job
- ◆ Kids would be getting along and happy with everything at home
- ◆ My mom would truly love me and tell she loves me and our relations would be good.
- ◆ Things are calm, people aren't fighting, and we can afford what we want and need.
- ◆ It would be peaceful
- ◆ It would be heaven. I would be jumping up and down.
- ◆ I would be successful, stay in school, go to college and find a job and stuff. B a lawyer/hairstylist.
- ◆ I would want a true family, one with a mom, dad, and my sister, and brother, that's all I want for home.
- ◆ My life would possibly look like a trusted, strict, privacy household. The reason why I say this is because when I see my life right now I want to be trusted again.
- ◆ Be Happy
- ◆ To have friends
- ◆ When they are comfortable
- ◆ That I have a good life away from treatment and have kids when I get older, get married, and get a job.
- ◆ To have a successful life
- ◆ Good relationship with my mom and be good with my family
- ◆ I do not day dream and what not or so.
- ◆ To stay home; to grow-up and have a family that is totally different then the way I was raised. I want my kids to be safe and not have to go somewhere to learn how to be a nice, kind, and trusting person.
- ◆ Not to go back to treatment
- ◆ I will be able to go about my life just as I do now but it will be more therapeutic.
- ◆ My dream would be for me to get enough money for college
- ◆ No drugs
- ◆ To be treated fair and I get to be in contests, and dirt bike races, bmx races, play on a paintball team and be in the army and live at home
- ◆ Perfect
- ◆ Communication with family, healthy peer relationships
- ◆ I have my own place in a group home. I would have a boyfriend. I would have a job. I would be safe
- ◆ Big cozy Bed , family and friends, positive relationships
- ◆ I think my house would be kinda chaotic with 2 baby girls running around and crying, me and my husband will have a healthy relationship and raise our kids in a healthy environment.
- ◆ Get a long with my parents better

- ◆ When it is quiet and safe
- ◆ There would be no abuse of any kind. You could comfortably express your deep feelings about your life. Kids would receive the love and security that they need to mature properly in life.
- ◆ No abuse at home
- ◆ Not to fight
- ◆ I'd be in New Virginia, Iowa, with all my family grilling out with the women in the house cooking side dishes, men outside glorifying the deer they've caught and the trucks they drive, and all the kids running around outside screaming and laughing and playing with dogs.
- ◆ I don't have a family, but I would like respect, independency and love.
- ◆ Happy
- ◆ When my mom comes back.
- ◆ Me going home or somewhere where people want me.
- ◆ A day without yelling or cursing
- ◆ My family would not fight and always smile
- ◆ My dream at home would be to go to public schools again, and to be with my family and friends
- ◆ A loving family who eat together, do activities, more freedom to dance appropriately and sing.

# Youth Dare to Dream

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

- ◆ Everyone would smile and say hi. There wouldn't be any clicks, rumors, sexual harassment or bullying. Everyone fits in.
- ◆ There would be no cliques or gangs. No shootings. Teachers would help you understand all material and genuinely care about you and your schooling.
- ◆ Knowing that there will not be no shooting and killings or gangs or anything that will hurt or put us in danger and we'll be getting nothing but our education for life.
- ◆ In my dream world kids in school would not have bullies, they would not have cliques. They would also be no worry of having some kids come to school with a gun, a knife, or even drugs. They would also have uniforms so no one would get made fun of because they didn't have brand name clothes, they would also have free or reduced lunches for the kids families that couldn't afford it. There would also be enough teachers and staff for kids to talk to if they are getting made fun of or if they feel they just need to talk.
- ◆ They would get a good education and graduate.
- ◆ That someone would sit down with me and go through the work and maybe I would do better. I would like to be able to let others know that I have troubles understanding things without them yelling at me or getting frustrated.
- ◆ To stop school violence, not drop out just finish with a smile. Be your own person. Keep drugs from school.
- ◆ To have the best friends that are Christian, IJH has the best teachers they are Christians; they have the best Christian governmental leaders.
- ◆ The kids get along no drugs in school.
- ◆ No homework treats. AC in all rooms. Showing examples instead of writing down. Use computers.
- ◆ All kids will be treated equally and not be picked on, mad fun of, or bullied and will have good friends.
- ◆ I would be able to walk down the halls without begin called names. I wouldn't have to fight others to protect myself. I wouldn't have to be the tough kid to make people leave me alone. I would be able to sit in class and be appropriate. I would get A's and B's on everything. I would do my homework and turn it in on time. I wouldn't sell drugs to earn money. I would run away from there when things get rough. I would have real friends. Money wouldn't matter. They would still like me for who I am. I could tell my ideas in class without being laughed at. I would feel right in what ever I was wearing.
- ◆ Kids would love going to school and would actually go and participate and get A's and B's.
- ◆ That there would be no bullies and that everybody would not get F's in class and that not one kid would drop out.
- ◆ Better education. And fun ways to learn in high schools and middle schools. Keep the teens interest and there would probably be less dropouts.
- ◆ When I go home my family and others will follow the same rules and policies that IJH has. Every place would be consistent.

## On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids At School: Bremwood

- ◆ I would be the nicest person, but I wouldn't leave school to hang out on the blocks.
- ◆ To have more fun in school
- ◆ We will party and watch movies and do some worksheets (They will be fun)
- ◆ To succeed and to be good
- ◆ Shorter days, longer weekends
- ◆ To get straight A's and make it through it all
- ◆ Kids would be focused on just their school work and not anything else like the bad things that are going on at home and with my friends
- ◆ I will be positive and handle my anger
- ◆ There's no more violence, no more deaths, for uncalled reasons. People get along with everybody.
- ◆ People will learn good things.
- ◆ It would be like me working hard on a test
- ◆ A great life
- ◆ I would like it if we could have more school, and more reading programs
- ◆ My life would look good because I would have good grades and I would be a positive leader. I wouldn't be brought into peer pressure, but what I want the most is for everyone to be treated the same and to not be judged by their color, sex, age, disability, how same they are, or what they look like.
- ◆ Better help to kids who need it
- ◆ To go to college
- ◆ When they learn what they want to
- ◆ To be at the best of my ability in my grades. I also would go and get into college.
- ◆ To go to college
- ◆ Have good grades at school and be able to play baseball
- ◆ I will be at home playing football or track or basketball
- ◆ To stay out of the principal's office
- ◆ To do good and get praise
- ◆ I will go to a regular school
- ◆ I could ace my classes
- ◆ No fights
- ◆ I will let them know and star on my goals like being a part of a ball team, BMX races, dirt and bike races, get in to contest, going into the army and get to live at home.
- ◆ Awesome
- ◆ A's and B's, On time, leadership, bring up hope so no one dopes, no skipping, more friends who are not going to get in trouble
- ◆ I would graduate high school, I would get my diploma, I would get good grades
- ◆ My hope for me in school is to not have to defend myself in any physical means, to not have to listen to others say crap about me for where I've been, to be able to keep in schoolwork and to not have all these different cliques going against each other.
- ◆ Positive Relationships, good grades, wake up so I'm on time
- ◆ At college, I think it would be awesome to graduate and go work at O.P. because I could understand what the kids are going through because I've been through the something.
- ◆ Graduate college and high school, do good on school work, show up for class, be nice to teachers

- ◆ When people don't bully them or pick on them
- ◆ There would be no bullying and teachers would treat everyone equal
- ◆ Everyone becomes prom king and queen, and good grades for everyone
- ◆ To not have school
- ◆ Kids would find it exciting to come to school, and wouldn't out each other down for liking it.
- ◆ For school I would like teacher not to baby us and give us harder work
- ◆ I would like to be treated the same way as the kids who go to outs school
- ◆ Happy
- ◆ When I reach honor roll
- ◆ I could do better on my work
- ◆ No homework or schoolwork
- ◆ All the test were easy
- ◆ T graduate and o something productive with there life
- ◆ Not getting in fights
- ◆ More choice of food
- ◆ It will be a caring environment.
- ◆ It will be fun and educational

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

- ◆ Streets are clean from trash and safe after dark. No worries about fights, or danger.
- ◆ There will be no violence, sexually inappropriateness, or substance abuse in children's view. Even better yet there would be no violence, sexual inappropriateness or substance at all.
- ◆ I will explore for this in talk...
- ◆ In my dream world kids in communities would not be afraid of Peer Pressure to do drugs or anything they don't want to do. They would also be able to walk around their communities without the fear of being kidnapped, getting beat up, or getting killed. They would be able to walk around, to stand up for themselves and be assertive, and to be able to be themselves. But most of all they would be able to feel safe and protected.
- ◆ They would not get in trouble and they would have more friends and relationships.
- ◆ That kids don't have to worry about getting beat up when they walk to and from there house to school.
- ◆ I want kids to be accepted for who they are instead of having to do negative things to be liked.
- ◆ To stay out of gangs, and bad organizations, don't steal, stay drug free for life.
- ◆ Don't have sex until you're a legal adult.
- ◆ Don't hit on women.
- ◆ They get married to a Christian family. They have trusting relationships with God. Lead a God fulfilled life, and have eternal life in a heavenly kingdom. They get to know God.
- ◆ The kids clean up the environment. Help out the old. Fix up the crappy houses.
- ◆ No drugs, no violence. Cleaner schools.
- ◆ They will have a place that is safe to stay and will have an activity center to help keep them off drugs and out of gangs.
- ◆ There wouldn't be any violence. We could all get along. There wouldn't be any selling drugs or stealing. I would be able to walk down the street without getting whistled at or touched. There wouldn't be any fights or kids getting jumped. We could play basket ball and not have to worry about gangs and who is hanging out with who.
- ◆ Everyone would like each other and get along well and help each other out and volunteer to do other things for the community.
- ◆ There would be more kids' activities and that no graffiti would happen.
- ◆ When communities get along and set healthy examples for others.

# On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids In Communities: Bremwood

- ◆ I would have a job, be the positive person that I know that I can a positive example to the communities
- ◆ Have dances for teens 12-17
- ◆ We will be having fun and fast food every day
- ◆ To be a role model
- ◆ No violence, No drugs, no alcohol
- ◆ That people don't liter and kidnap and rape
- ◆ Kids would be helping in their communities by volunteering to do things
- ◆ There will be no killing, shooting, stabbing, just peace
- ◆ People aren't violent, they care, and they always want to help out.
- ◆ The communities will be stronger
- ◆ Oh, my God, with a smile on my face I would say it would be my dream to be in a safe, non violent, alcohol and drug free community
- ◆ I would do what I did in the community before
- ◆ There would be more skate parks and public activities for free or for charity
- ◆ To look like everyone getting help and getting along to also look like people getting the things that they need to survive.
- ◆ Everyone is happy
- ◆ To be successful in life
- ◆ When laws are terminated
- ◆ To connect with the community and not get into trouble with the law
- ◆ To all get along
- ◆ Stay out of all trouble and get a good job to be able to get money
- ◆ Playing basketball/football
- ◆ To not go to jail
- ◆ Not go to jail
- ◆ I will be a good functioning part of the community
- ◆ That the community was nice
- ◆ No killings
- ◆ They will be happy a lot and thank everyone for it
- ◆ Freedom
- ◆ Jobs and attitude
- ◆ Kids without homes would have homes, people would not be homeless. I would not be in treatment
- ◆ My hope for my community is we don't have to deal with gangs and vandalism
- ◆ Positive Attitude
- ◆ I will be at my house, down the street from HP having my twin girls and my husband will be right by my side
- ◆ Success=Job=CIJDC
- ◆ When people are nice to them and want to talk to them
- ◆ Kids and adults would practice the 6 pillars of characters. There would be no sexism. I very much dislike when people say that men are better than woman. Gay marriage

would be totally legal. All races and religions would get along. People would watch what they say or thing before they speak.

- ◆ Everyone has a clean street and grounds
- ◆ We will not be made fun of
- ◆ No more drugs/sex/prostitution, fights, bullying, illegal activities, gangs, cliques, etc...
- ◆ When you know if you turn in someone/something for harmful things and someone actually did something about it.
- ◆ Community=equality=companionship
- ◆ Joyful
- ◆ When all violence and rape stops.
- ◆ I won't get in fights
- ◆ No shootings or suicide
- ◆ No drugs
- ◆ To be positive and help out where it is needed
- ◆ No violence, helpful, working with homeless animals
- ◆ I will feel safe; there will be more opportunities for 15 years olds, more jobs and things to do.

# 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

- ◆ Our word is heard and taken into consideration. We aren't looked at differently.
- ◆ The staff client ratio would 1 staff to 2 clients in an ideal world, no child would have to ignored because someone else is causing a scene.
- ◆ Staff would understand how you feel and care enough to help you.
- ◆ That the Department of Human Services would not schedule times they are going to visit our house. I wish they would just stop by and then they would see how things really are.
- ◆ Working your way out just like a program but you'll still be in it, but they won't be by your side all the time. But staff is still there and watch you make progress if you struggle then they'll help you figure out the solution
- ◆ In my dream world kids in service system would be able to feel that they have a safe, secure, place to call home, even if it's temporary. They would also be able to have they support they need without having fear that they people don't care about them.
- ◆ They would have a family that cares for them and loves them.
- ◆ That they wouldn't let me out of here until my family has had the help they need. They can't just fix me. We are a family and we all need help and not when I get out of here.
- ◆ That they could go somewhere, where people would take care of them and make sure they are doing good. That they can have someone to talk to.
- ◆ Get out start life over, get out and stay out. Don't get involved with more systems. Avoid detention systems, jail also, prison.
- ◆ They trust God to make their lives work better then who they already do. They painlessly live their lives and repent their sins, they don't have to lie and live eternally in hell.
- ◆ Go on vacations, do more activities, switch up the routines of the service systems so kids don't get into trouble. Service systems need to remember that life has its ups and downs and so do we
- ◆ Get to wear our own clothes, normal food, no isolations
- ◆ My family will get the help they need and be able to open up to people they can trust and that service systems will work with all of us so we can someday live together without making the same mistakes we did before
- ◆ We would be able to contact biological families at any age. We would have a say in what happens to us. They would take the kids seriously.
- ◆ They wouldn't keep kids in placements and leave them stuck in places they don't want to be. And they would provide better help in placements and other programs and services.
- ◆ That being in the systems would help every body and that there would be a place and person to help everybody.

# On The Day The Dream Comes True For Kids In Service Systems: Bremwood

- ◆ I wouldn't go out and do negative things like I used to do and go to jail for them.
- ◆ To get in the placement they need in the beginning before things get worse.
- ◆ We could talk to boys and go to the community more.
- ◆ To have a more role model to look up to.
- ◆ More freedom, less restrictions.
- ◆ That we get to go home.
- ◆ Kids would be willing to do things.
- ◆ I don't think that could happen
- ◆ The staff listen, and don't judge peers in the cottage.
- ◆ Every thing will be cared for.
- ◆ Think I'm finally free and be able to be me.
- ◆ Graduate it would be perfect
- ◆ More books/art supplies. And more time for activities. Not having long times without seeing family. More money for clothes. \$100.00 for Christmas shopping.
- ◆ I don't know what a service system is. If you mean DHS and the courts I just wish they would help my whole family even my dad who is in prison and teach us positive things and help us learn how to make good choices. Keep me and my sisters together
- ◆ Not so mean staff.
- ◆ I leave successful
- ◆ When they can express their feeling with no consequences.
- ◆ I one day to get out and I go to my mom's house and live happily ever after.
- ◆ To work on the treatment program I am in now and have it be successful
- ◆ Be able to get out of trouble and be able to get off papers and stay off.
- ◆ I will be sleep without fear and be involved in sports
- ◆ To get out of treatment.
- ◆ They will be more therapeutic.
- ◆ That I can leave successfully.
- ◆ No crimes
- ◆ I will thank everyone for what has happened by putting me here and keeping me out of trouble.
- ◆ Nicer Staff.
- ◆ Determinations= Believing in yourself=set more goals
- ◆ I would not act out; I would not argue with others, I would be friendlier.
- ◆ My hope for service systems is that they will let us start expressing ourselves in our own way as long as we aren't hurting ourselves or others and that we won't have to worry that if we state our opinion about something in a honest way, that we'll be in trouble for how we feel or think.
- ◆ More determination
- ◆ When I would set d/c successfully and be able to go home to stay home; live with mom and dad and Austin (brother)
- ◆ Respectful staff, No rude non listening therapist, assistance calls that respect a females boundaries, staff that listens.
- ◆ When others are nice

- ◆ At least in the 1990's DHS should have been way more honest to adoptive families. My parents weren't told about all the serious problems that I ended up with. Siblings would be able to stay together. Remember; what may seem like a good idea at first may not turn out to be a good idea. The system helped put crater in my life because I don't know where 2 of my siblings are right now. If I lived in a perfect world then I would be able to see my bio-mom and know more about why my life was the way it was.
- ◆ Everyone gets a loving family with pets.
- ◆ People will help others.
- ◆ When I was a prostitute and involved with drug dealing, a lot of people with service systems were involved with it also just in different ways. Why won't anyone really listen to us kids we know a lot and have good ideas
- ◆ Better and edible food. More shopping for mostly needs.
- ◆ Full of peace
- ◆ When you stop giving up processed foods.
- ◆ When we start having more groups.
- ◆ I'll get out
- ◆ When I get to go home.
- ◆ More free time.
- ◆ To get my treatment done, that's my goal.
- ◆ Shopping with family, going to volunteer.
- ◆ It will be more opportunities and things to do also do things I've never done before.