



WI Wraparound: Empowering Futures

The Wraparound program is all about empowering youth and families to envision, create and achieve their goals for themselves and their families. It is about standing with youth, supporting them to see all the strengths they already have within them, assisting them to create a plan and helping them learn the skills needed to successfully achieve their plan. Alicia's story exemplifies this philosophy. I am honored to say I have had the privilege of getting to know Alicia and her family and watching their growth as the family's Care Coordinator since June 2019.



Hanna Kuppenbender
Wraparound Coach Care
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Alicia's Story

"I am a 17 year old senior in high school and I live with my mom and brother. I started this program because I was a troubled child. I used to run away, steal cars, ride in stolies, disrespect my mom like fighting her and calling her names. I used to do things that I didn't really want to do but I did because I was peer pressured to do it. When I graduated 8th grade that's when it all started. We moved from the south side to the north and I had to switch schools. I started hanging with people from school and from my neighborhood who did bad things which caused me to do bad stuff too. I'm not blaming the people I used to hang with because at the end of the day it was my decision to do the stuff. Being peer pressured is something you can try to control but sometimes fail to do. I used to get arrested which caused me to be on probation and have a case worker.

My case worker gave me a list of things I needed to do in order to complete probation. Part of my probation was to start family therapy and to start Wraparound. At first, I didn't want to be in Wraparound because I didn't want more people in my business. I thought I was going to be assigned to someone who would judge me but once I met Hannah, I just felt good vibes. She's helped me so much throughout the year and some months I been with Wraparound. She stays on me so I can finish the things I need to do and any time I need her she's there for me. She always gives me good advice when I don't know what to do. She's been such a big help to my family. She is very nice and she listens when I need someone to talk to.

Wraparound is overall a 10/10 for me because they helped me grow so much. The people who work there are so nice and really care for the families they work with. All the people on my team have been there for me 100% and never gave up on me and they always lift me up and encourage me to do better. Last year in august I finally completed probation, but since I liked Wraparound so much, I decided to stay in it so I can get more help and grow more as a better person. I just want to thank everybody who has helped and been there since day one to help me succeed this journey."