

Being in the system I view myself in many ways. In a treatment facility, your job is to do the things required of you to succeed. When it comes to your family, your job is to take care of them. When it comes to me, my brother is my success, and my job. Having to maintain with him strengthens my job of maintaining life in the system, because without the drive for success with him, there's none at all. My drive for success started with a personal decision. Not to do anything keeping me from my brother, and has made me look at life differently. This decision put me on what I call the "Road of Success". In a residential facility I see myself as a teenager and a brother. I view my life as normal due to me doing many things that other teenagers do, and having contact with my family. Being in a residential facility you have to find yourself and realize who you are. With all the support and programs given to you, you're able to live a teenage life. However what you do effects how your life plays out.



I feel that I can be a normal teen while in the system because I can still do stuff a lot of teens do. I can still play video games, which is a source of entertainment to many people my age. I can socialize with my friends that are outside of here over "World of Warcraft", for example. I also enjoy this video game which is one many other people my age enjoy as well.



Teens still maintain a decent life in the system in many ways. A few ways are staying active. I stay active by riding my bike as you can see. Another way is being social. I can make relationships here and out of the system while living in a group home. I can also play video games and call friends. I can also go on outings to places and still see my family. Riding bikes is also a self-soothing tool. Sometimes I can make friends because I get approach by people that like my bike.



Most teens want to be in fashion. My fashion is Levi Jeans with polo shirt and Chuck Taylors. My Levis are back in style right now and the way they fit is perfect. They can be tight or loose. Being able to work on-site as a gardener and the support of my residential facility has allowed me to be fit and in style. I also have a dream to have my own clothing line called Hilltop Clothing.

