

HONOR

My name is Honor, and I am 17 years old. I'm currently a senior in high school. I've been at Alternatives For Girls for almost a year now.

Throughout my year at AFG I've transformed as a person mentally and physically. I heard about Alternatives For Girls through one of their trainings called Girl Smart after they made a local visit to my school. This is when I learned about P.A.C., or Peers Against Colors, Alternatives For Girls' gang violence prevention team, which was not only my calling, but an escape from the life I was living as a gang member. All I wanted was a way out and with P.A.C it was my only way.

I was already having family problems which made the gang seem like a winning ticket. As I got deeper into the gang I came to realize that they were only preventing me from really doing what was best for me.

As I look forward I can praise myself for overcoming such a dark time in my life, a struggle that was so hard. But without Alternatives For Girls I wouldn't be the young lady standing before you today. Because of all of the support I was given, I was able to leave the gang behind for good. Now I reach out to other young people to share my story and tell them about the dangers of being involved with a gang. I am going to attend college in the fall to study nursing.



“ Here they don't judge you for who you are, what you are. They'll help you if you want the help... Now, I have more respect for myself and respect others as well.

— Della, AFG New Choices Assistant



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