



It takes a long time for me to build trust - but over time, I saw that Families First really did care about me.

From the beginning of my life, it felt like the deck was stacked against me. My sisters and I were born with drugs in our systems, and our mother struggled deeply with her addiction.

When my mom became unable to care for me, I went to live with my aunt and uncle. Unfortunately, they were abusive. After leaving their home, I grew up in foster care. It was so hard to move from house to house and state to state without a permanent caregiver or home. As a young girl, I fought with everyone around me. My frustration and fear came out as an argumentative personality.



When I came to Families First, I finally found stability and hope.

The people at Families First took the time to truly listen to me. Together, we figured out a plan for my future. Through the Weaver Gardens independent living program at Families First, I gained the skills and knowledge to re-enroll in college, find a job, and even start my own business!

It took a lot of hard work - but I'm proud to say that now, my son Maliki and I are living our best, most resilient lives every day.

[Your gift](#) helps families like build their resilience and their futures. Will you give today to support the Resilience to Thrive Fund?

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Warmly,



Princess

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