

Transcript of "Outside"

VOA worker

I only have one cup of noodles left. Who wants it? Easy Mac?

Nicole Campolucci

(Off-screen)

Why don't you come in? We worry about you; we want you to be safe.

VOA worker

Do you guys want...I have some fruit and some vegetables.

Homeless Youth

I'll take some fruit. Yum peaches.

Nicole Campolucci

We open at 10 o'clock tomorrow. We have lunch at 11:45, dinner at 5, snacks at 2. We have a shower; we have a washer and dryer if you need to do laundry. We have hygiene supplies, underwear, socks, um harm reduction materials.

Homeless Youth

I got kicked out of my parent's house because I was a lesbian.

Homeless Youth

I'm 18.

Homeless Youth

I'm 20.

Homeless Youth

24.

Homeless Youth

Basically been sleeping in an apartment when we get a friend that has an apartment and let us stay there for a couple of days or whatever or sleep up in the canyons, or just something like that.

Nicole Campolucci

Where are you going to sleep tonight?

Alex

I don't know. I'm either going to try and find a party or probably sleep over at the library.

Nicole Campolucci

Outside the library? Where? In the back part?

Alex

No. You know where the hill is? There is like that little sidewalk thing? I like sleeping on the sidewalk behind the pole so I don't have to worry about anyone mugging me in the night, or stealing my stuff.

Nicole Campolucci

Okay. Well I hope you find somewhere inside, it's cold. Are you sure you don't want to take a blanket?

Alex

Yeah, the blanket is too much to carry around.

Underwriter

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Alex

I was 8 and half years old when my mother passed away. She died of hepatitis B think it was, B or C, I'm not entirely sure which one. My family and I never

really got along we haven't gotten along for years, since I first got into states custody. I was a very rebellious kid. Sometimes you get turned down by foster-parents um because you're gay, or bisexual whatever. Like with me I was. I never stayed in one home. So me couch surfing and staying in the streets really isn't much different from what I've done my entire life.

Tasha

I was raised by lesbian social workers so it was easy for me like, in the whole bisexuality like lesbian gay whatever scene. One day I might like a girl and one day I might like a boy, that's just how I am, I guess. But I'd like to have just one person that would be just mine, you know be comforted and that when I don't feel good, for them to come make me soup or whatever. You know? I don't have a close relationship with my family because if I had you know done the stuff that I was supposed to then I would probably would have a much better relationship with my family.

Derek

Being gay and being on the streets don't really mix together. It's about survival, you got to put on a front that's really tough or else you're going to get taken advantage of. When I was a kid we moved around alot. My mom is what's called a chronic relapser. Her whole life she's had periods of sobriety followed by periods of relapse. When I was 16 we had gone to stay with my aunt in Los Angeles why my mom was trying to get back on her feet and there was a lot of stress there at the house. There were a lot of problems about money and about space. So I was told just after my 17th birthday that they just couldn't take care of me anymore, so I was told that I had to leave. When I was growing up I always had a really hard time making friends and so when I started using drugs, all of a sudden that changed. I was one of the cool kids, people wanted to hang out with me. And then I started using more and more. And as the years went on I started not caring about hanging out with people and I only wanted to get high, I would just use by myself.

Selina

The first time I got kicked out was because I told them I was lesbian, so my parents didn't like that. My dad he just started yelling at me about how I need to be out of his house. And how I'm dead in his eyes. And he used to be proud of me. I just felt like I was lost. I didn't know where to go, what to do. I stayed a couple of nights at my friend's house, and then I decided to pretend that I'm straight. And then I went back home. Family is like my life. From my tradition form Belgium, if you're disowned by your family its like a big like OHH.

Melinda "bob" Maureen

Basically what I do is create a space for young people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, gender queer, straight, straight allies, basically teens that are comfortable with queer people are all welcome to come into the youth activity center. We get an average of 250 kids a month, and I have met 6 parents, since I've been here, so in the last two years, I could have full on conversations and recognize the parents of six kids.

Melinda "bob" Maureen (off-screen)

We are just getting to know our drum.

Melinda "bob" Maureen (off-screen)

It's scary. It's scary to have a gay kid. You're afraid that they are going to get beat up at school. You're afraid that they are going to get beat up outside of school. And so you know the parent has to go through their own process. When I see a young kid who comes in who then says "I've gotten kicked out" or "I'm going to get kicked out" then really one of my main goals is to get them involved in leadership programs, in some of our groups, so that their identity, so they can be working on a positive identity instead of become involved in street culture.

Derek

A year ago I was living on the streets and I was heroin junky and I was shooting up and doing really bad things to survive and today you know I got a real job I live in my own apartment. You know I don't get stopped by the police very often, actually I haven't since I've been sober and that's a really great thing.

Derek

The main people who helped me out was volunteers of America and my roommate Liz. This is my Lizzy.

Liz

Hold on a sec. Do I look okay?

Derek

Liz is my family basically that's about it. She's really cool you know she's helped me a lot. I don't know if I, well I know I couldn't have gotten an apartment on my own without her because I don't make that kind of money. Well this is the um the dining area. Check out our ghetto fabulous table right over here. We need to get wood to complete it but Liz found a street sign that was

abandoned. And we brought it home and it's going to be our dining table. This is my room, which I can assure you is normally not this clean. But it is today. And that's my telescope; it's my most valuable possession. These are my geeky astronomy posters over here on the back. And right here the geekiest thing of all is my friend at the planetarium taught me how to do algebra and I did all this, this whole equation, all by myself and I was really proud of that cause I didn't know algebra. Last time I saw my mom was 8 months ago. I wouldn't say I had any family members that I was really close to; I've pretty much been on my own for the last two and a half years.

Uncle Tim

See, its lighter.

Alex

It is!

Uncle Tim

I'm like an uncle that kind of helps him once in a while. Probably not as much as he'd like. Like the other night I came and got him because he'd gotten kicked out of a place, now he's moving to another place. He usually only calls me if there is a crisis. Some of the other siblings you know took turns kind of raising him. First my brother, that didn't work, then my mother, then us. None of it worked. Then he was pretty much in custody until he was an adult.

Filmmaker (subtitled)

Do you have kids of your own?

Uncle Tim

Yea, two little kids.

Filmmaker

And how did they get along with Alex?

Uncle Tim

I think when they were little they got along all right, but we were apprehensive to bring him back to my house, because of that, for that reason. Cause it's not an environment I condone so.

Filmmaker

What do you mean?

Uncle Tim

His lifestyle as an adult now. I don't want to expose my kids to that, I mean I'm sure they will find out about that on their own when they are adults but as young impressionable children I don't want to expose them to that.

Filmmaker

And how old are your kids?

Uncle Tim

Seven and nine. And I don't know. Maybe it would have no impact but you know I don't want to turn it into a science project. Cause I don't know. I guess I think there is about a 50/50 chance that he'll make it without ending up in prison or somewhere dead.

Tasha

At the present moment like, I can't live with my mom, like my biological mom because I got in trouble with her from like, taking too much stuff that wasn't mine and lying too much and doing too many drugs and it's kind of like more, it has a lot to do with a trust issue. It's just amazing to me how far I've come in like the last like year. I really wasn't doing very good at all this time last year. You know being like where am I going to stay tonight? Again. And I hate that I hate couch surfing it sucks. To moving in with a whole bunch of really crazy people, like a bunch of crazy tweakers to like becoming a tweaker, to like, moving in here. This is my room.

Filmmaker

Tell us about your pictures.

Tasha

All right, this is my big sister and me. And that's Gabby and my mom. This was at their wedding. When my mom and Gabby first broke up we had a lot of our differences but I love our relationship now because we've gotten really, really close.

Gabby

According to what she says she cannot go back to live with her mom. So I wanted to make sure that she did a few things before moving in with me, one was get her drivers license, the other one was get her GED, and the other one have a job. Those were the three things that was the plan. So as she was doing those things, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. And so I no longer felt I had the ability at the time to do that with her. Because, I was consumed by, and I had a radical mastectomy. And then I started chemotherapy, and I'm still going through chemotherapy as you can see. And emotionally, I couldn't handle it.

Tasha

I'm trying to build up new friends; I've been going to AA, I got a sponsor, and just staying sober. Its just like, I sometimes might not go out as much as I used to or do everything that I want to do but that's okay because I'm doing everything that I need to be doing and at this point I think that's kind of more important.

Selina

Um we found an apartment, me and Tony did, and Tony is my girlfriend. And she's already moved in and I'm going to move in in a couple of months with her, but I'm putting all my stuff in there now.

Filmmaker

So what are you going to do for the couple of months?

Selina

Stay at home. And see if I can figure things out. Which is probably a big no but it's worth a try. Cause right now my parents are pretty nice to me. So yeah. I'm going to try, see if I can do anything to make them change their minds. Maybe.

Homeless Youth (off-screen)

You help me find him dude...

Nicole Campolucci

Being a homeless youth opens you up to a whole different set of problems. They're more likely to become infected with a sexually transmitted disease; they're more likely to be assaulted. They are more likely to become homeless adults obviously. We are a place for the kids to be where they just get to be themselves where they don't have to worry about violence or being harassed for a nice chunk on the day. We want to keep the kids safe and the safest thing is for

that kid to not be on the street and so often times we'll sit down very early on with that youth and talk about the transition home as an option, going home as an option, talk about any other family maybe that they have as an option. Just kind of brainstorm with them. sometimes that works out for us and sometimes it doesn't. And when it doesn't, usually fairly quickly within the first couple of weeks that new youth really gets into the street life. And if we are talking about a kid who wasn't using when they first got to the street, usually within the first couple of weeks they will be using something. Even if its as mild as drinking alcohol for the first time maybe. I'd say probably within the first month that goes from being something that they did for the first time to being something that they are doing many times a week if not everyday. We would really like to see there be a separate youth shelter specifically for 18-22 year olds. Even though 18 year olds are legally considered adults, they are, culturally, they are a completely different segment of the homeless population. We are the only center of our kind in Utah, and that's great for the hours that we are open but the hours that were closed these kids don't have anywhere that they can really rely on where they can go and be safe.

Nicole Campolucci

Most of our kids are scared of the shelter system because they have had so many negative experiences with adults in their lives and so they are not going to willingly access this adult system. It's more common for the youth to stay in abandoned buildings or houses or sleep outside when the weather is kind of nicer. And then also they do a lot of what we call couch surfing and they will just bounce from friends house to friends house to friends house.

Tasha

My mom is going insane. But I don't know what that's all about. My biological mom. She like called me for like two 8 balls the other day and she's like "don't tell anybody". And I'm like "okay, I won't". And I'm just like whatever. And then she tried to explain it to me the other day and be like "oh it was just for some friends" and I'm like ummhhh. Cause like back in the day when my mom was a crazy drug addict, coke was her drug of choice. Oh, and she took me off her insurance so I haven't been on my meds. So if I'm all crazy and talk really fast, it's not my fault. I'm not even like a hundred percent sure she's on drugs because I don't' really don't have any proof other than she called me for it. I basically was like mom I really don't appreciate you calling me for this because I'm in recovery and you asking me to do that it is almost like saying "hey Tash, want to do some cocaine"? And I really don't appreciate it so don't ever call me again. So. And she was pretty cool about that. do do do do do do. Yeah. This is what I do on a daily basis, I take the bus everywhere, cause my happy ass doesn't have a drivers license, so, or money for a car. One of the big reasons why I decided to get sober is because I look up to my mom and I'm like well if she did it I can do it too and so for her to be doing drugs again is kind of hard for me because its just like well, what do i have to look up to now.

(Off-screen) Thank you.

Selina

At times, yeah at times I am afraid to live at home. Because my parents, my brother, they are all abusive you know. I'm not saying I'm a perfect person but I don't like the idea of hitting other people. And I'm afraid that if I say that I'm gay that I'm going to be disowned and I'm afraid to move out and I'm afraid to stay at home. And so like, I don't know, I don't know what to do.

Selina

I ran away on Friday, I guess I just need that freedom of just, being able to do what I want. And not being expected to be a certain way or expected to act straight, when I'm not straight. If she let me stay here for...until I get you know, another check. And then I can actually give her some rent money. Until then I don't know what I'm doing. I feel pretty confident that I can emotionally do it right now. Like before I didn't think I could do it just because I was still very very attached to my parents.

Melinda "bob" Maureen

If its a kid who's in their first couple of months they probably still have a semi-good environment where they are staying at peoples houses and they are still getting decent meals and there is some parental or there is some adults who are in there lives that are asking them questions about how are you doing how's it going. The longer they are couch surfing the less real like good shelter they get. And so it's easier for them to get involved in street culture and street youth. And so then you go from couch surfing into familial settings into couch surfing into street culture.

Alex

I got something.

Alex

So what it is like is it like smoking it kind of? Or is it more like shooting it?

Friend (subtitled)

Its like the best high you can get without slamming it. Hold it like you're going to get it ready, and heat it up.

Alex

You just do it. Yeah, you show me. How do I know when it's done?

Friend (subtitled)

Let it sit there for like 20 seconds. That should be good.

Derek

That's ride able. If I were going to ride it, I'd ride in one of those blue cars right there. Sometimes I do get kind of nostalgic about my days on the streets, especially the freight train riding part. You know, that was a lot of fun; there were a lot of really good times. But you know what? There were also a lot of really bad times and they definitely outweighed the good ones. I used to be homeless and that's always going to be a part of me. That's something that really isn't going to change. Like I can become a new and different person but there is still that part of me that remembers all that stuff.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

I'm a pediatrician so I don't see adults here. and I sort of push the envelope for what many pediatricians are comfortable with by seeing kids up to age 23. But the issues of young adults and adolescents are for the most part not that different.

Intern

Do you usually get migraines or are these just bad headaches?

Homeless Youth

I get migraines normally every night, but they have been getting really bad.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

A typical day at open door is nonexistent. We never know, you know we are a walk in clinic because adolescents are not good at making or keeping appointments. We are in the evening because they are nocturnal beasts. And so you know, we have tried to really tailor our services to who the kids are instead of being angry at them for being who they are.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

What are your strengths? What are your personal strengths?

Homeless Youth

What are my personal strengths?

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Yeah. What are you good at? What's' good about you?

Homeless Youth

I'm a good listener. I can listen to anybody.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Cool.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Primarily we, see kids for STD diagnosis and treatment for contraception, but we also see a lot of acute care common colds and diarrhea illnesses, a lot of skin conditions, it's a big problem for homeless people, skin conditions. We see a lot of drug and alcohol related, mental health/psycho social issues. Semitization of anxiety and stress in the form of headaches, or chronic abdominal pain or chronic back pain.

Homeless Youth

Um, basically the neck feels like it has a fracture, the next one down feels swollen and the one down at the very bottom of my shoulder feels like it's completely out of place.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Oh my gosh looking back through your chart is amusing but its not really helping me.

Derek

I want to look back through my chart. Can I?

Dr. Joan Sheetz

What do you want to see?

Derek

I like looking at my old weights.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

When you were like super skinny.

Derek

See, 193 yeah okay so now I'm not sober. 185. You can go all the way back to 183, 180. 171.

Derek

I don't want to sound like I'm a victim and "oh me oh my", cause you know I'm the one who put myself in that position. I'm the one who broke the law all those times. But I want to change now and it's really difficult.

Derek

Probably right there.

Nurse Barb

Oh look at that nice juicy vein.

Derek

See where its kind of red right there? It's about right there. That angle.

Nurse Barb

The guide mark.

Derek

I had some charges that would make it very difficult for me to get employed. You know I can work at Wal-Mart or Wendy's, but if I want to get a real career it's going to be rather difficult.

Nurse Barb

Oh please.

Derek

Oh.

Nurse Barb

Look at that. The gods of bad Karma are getting us.

Derek

I never had trouble when I was shooting up. Well, never is not right. You're too far in.

Derek

Its like there is no second chances, for you. Whatever you have done you know your past is going to follow you around forever. And even if you want to change it...

Derek

Can I try?

Nurse Barb

No, you cannot try.

Marie Woods

That transitional period between 18 and about 25 is so difficult for everyone to navigate. Okay? Its really easy if you have the money or the scholarship or that sort of thing to get into college and grow up slowly. I think homeless youth are still working with who am I? And how do I fit? How do I navigate this business? Same thing as any other adolescent. How do I get in relationship with someone? How do I trust someone? How far can I trust? Things like that. Normal things. What do I do with my life?

Dr. Joan Sheetz

This is the land of opportunity and there are tremendous opportunities out there for functional people. And I think that a lot of people don't understand that some people just aren't functional. Gosh you know when I look at your typical street kid the stuff that they would have to overcome to become functional is just, I don't know where they would even begin. Even if they were able to get up and get to work every single day being a cashier at a fast food restaurant, you can't still make enough money to rent a one bedroom apartment and pay your

utilities and your food and have a little money left over to go to a movie. I mean you can't do it. What's the motivation? We are sort of stuck in a view that America is the place where you can do anything so why don't you just do it? Get up and do it. But I just, the more I get to know some of these kids' stories, I don't know how they could. I couldn't if I were them.

Selina

The only place I can like really not think about anything is work you know, and that's why I asked them to put me in full time and a half. So that I can come more to work and make more money and get away from issues. I'm not really street smart like my parents say you know, and so I think its better for me to stay at home and its better option to stay with your parents. My check! Just kidding. I hate money.

Filmmaker

How much did you get?

Selina

\$380. I got paid \$500 but they take like a ---- load of money out. So. Yeah.

Derek

Sometimes addicts will have what's called using dreams. They'll dream that they used whatever their substance of choice was. Um and it will be like a really vivid and intense dream and you can actually wake up thinking that you have relapsed with your heart racing. And so when I woke up that morning you know at first I thought that that's what it was, that I had just dreamed it, but then I realized that it wasn't a dream that I actually had gone out and relapsed. And so I decided well you know if I'm changing my sobriety date and I went out I might as well you know, have a good time of it. It took me about three days before I was in Pioneer Park again shooting heroin and sharing needles with junkies I just met. My roommate told me that I couldn't live with her anymore. I called up an ex boyfriend of mine and asked if I could stay with him. And he said yeah, and so that's what I have been doing ever since. But I'm not really sure how long that is going to last. I'm really scared I might end up on the streets again. I don't know what's going to happen to me right now.

Tasha

Feel here. My throat hurts right here.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Right there?

Tasha

Yeah, feel it.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Yeah you got a little sore gland there.

Tasha

Yeah.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

What else hurts?

Tasha

I don't know but when I wake up in the morning it hurts really bad.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Do you have allergies?

Tasha

No. My hard part is between 60-90 days. And that's really why I need, cause I do really good for the first couple of months, its that third month that I really need to focus. I mean I've been sober for like 50 days now.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Congratulations.

Tasha

Thank you.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Let me ask you another question. Do you think that Gabi made the right decision in telling you that now was not a good time for you to move in with her?

Tasha

Yeah I do. Because, I mean I don't have job and I'm kind of...you know what I mean, I'm struggling myself. I mean, I know I can be stressful and I don't want to add any extra stress. And also you know we are still able to build on our, cause we still go to coffee; we've been going to coffee every Sunday.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

Great.

Tasha

And so it's hard sometimes because like between my mom and Gabi because sometimes I want to have this good strong relationship with my mom but she's being so distant. I think she's kinda hurt by the fact that I even talk to Gabi. And that's hard for me you know? Cause its just like..

Dr. Joan Sheetz

You know its funny you get to a certain age and you realize that your parents are not the super people that you always assumed they were. You know you realize that they have their own frailties and weaknesses and you know that's something that you have to deal with in them too.

Tasha

Yeah.

Nurse Barb

So are you afraid of needles?

Alex

No.

Nurse Barb

Are you going to cry like a baby when I stick you?

Alex

I don't think so. I've already done a lot of crying today.

Nurse Barb

Okay. You did it. Are you still breathing? Are you sure?

Nurse Barb

Okay. We are done. Excellent. All right darling' let me hang onto that for a minute and then we'll be all set. I like that too. That's pretty cool. That looks almost Celtic. All right. You can take this off in an hour. Okay, straighten your arm way out for me. Really, really straight. I'll un-stick myself from you. Okay. So do you want to come see me Friday? Or do you just want to just come back Monday night and we'll do the...

Alex

I think I can see you Friday.

Nurse Barb

Okay. I'll be in the office from 1:30-5:00.

Alex

Okay.

Nurse Barb

All right. See you later alligator.

Alex

Cause I'm afraid the needle was actually dirty. I'm wondering if it was actually dirty. I wasn't thinking about it when I was ----- up.

Alex

So are you guys going to walk with me for a while?

Nicole Campolucci

It's easier I think for kids to get off the street if they have some kind of support network that involves people who are not involved in street culture. So

whether that is a network of service providers like maybe us here, uh maybe Joan and Barb at the Clinic, or maybe a therapist somewhere. The more supportive people they have outside of street culture, the more likely it is that they will be successful in leaving street Culture. I think sometimes, the family thing can go either way. Sometimes for kids who reunite with families that can be a really positive process, if their families are healthier and in okay places themselves. But I've also seen that be something that end up dragging that kid back down.

Gabby - Selina's friend

I'm going to tell you why I get close to Selina. Because I had the feeling that she was going to kill herself. She was saying that her life was bad. Miserable. Why she was leaving. I said, no, no, no, no, no. No I have to take care of this one. I don't know, I have the feeling that God, if there is a God for me, send me for a reason; to take care of someone, not only my kids, someone else. And she is one of those.

Selina

I got a second job. And its helping Gabby with the newspapers. (In Spanish) I want the whole house. We'll see.

Selina

I'm not staying at Brandi's I'm not staying at a specific house. I'll stay at Gabi's sometimes and I'll stay at my friend Kim's house sometimes. So I have no specific like place I'm living at.

Alex

Hey, you cut your hair.

Homeless Youth

Yeah. It's been cut for a while.

Nurse Barb

We'll check that again afterwards.

Alex

I'm nervous? No. I'm still kind of shaky.

Nurse Barb

Either that or your serum meth level is real high.

Alex

My meth level?

Nurse Barb

You're blood pressure is high. I'm teasing you. If you had been using methamphetamine that could be one reason why your pressure is high.

Alex

A couple of days, a few days ago I did again.

Nurse Barb

In addition to being hung over you're here tonight to get the results of your HIV test. HIV negative! Yeah!

Alex

We still got to do more tests though right?

Nurse Barb

Yeah, what we have to do is, this is basically a base line test and so what we are going to do is test you again. Did Joan talk to you about the intervals?

Alex

Yes.

Nurse Barb

Yeah. So three months and then six months. Okay?

Alex

Okay

Nurse Barb

All right. I'm happy that this is negative. That's really good.

Alex

So am I. Thank you.

Nurse Barb

Congratulations. Okay. We'll see you later then.

Tasha

And so I lost my job and then I didn't have any rent and I didn't have any food, and a certain person said that if I could get them some cocaine that they would help me pay my rent and get me food. And so I did, and then I ended up doing it with them.

Gabriela

Monday morning she called me crying saying that she did that and she that she didn't want to do it anymore. And so that day she came home and spent the day with me and spent the night. And so we talked about it. And so I thought that she dealt with it in a very mature way. Even though she did relapse, and I'm not making excuses or anything for her, because what she did, she took responsibility for. But I really was proud of her because she right away, you know it wasn't a long time or anything, she knew she didn't want to do it, and she knew where to get help.

Tasha

Well I'd been sober since April, you know what I mean? I was doing so good.

Gabriela

We have been getting along so well. I think it made a huge difference you know that I learned how to deal with her. As well as that she's doing better. But you know my part too. I'm a lot more relaxed and I really trust her I really do. She's doing great. And I can see how much she needs me, and I need her too. It's kind of cool.

Derek

Thank you very much for the pencils and pen and highlighter and the notebook.

Nicole Campolucci

You're welcome.

Derek

I appreciate all of the various things that I just mentioned.

Nicole Campolucci

You're welcome. Don't forget to talk to the financial aid lady, or man.

Derek

I will talk to the financial aid person. I came back down to HYRC to talk to Nicole because you know we've got a good history together and she's the kind of person that I can talk to you know, when things aren't going good.

Nicole Campolucci

Because of this law, you have a right to education the same as everybody else does. You have a right to financial aid the same as everybody else does. And you're parents income doesn't factor in because you don't have anything to do with your parents. Theoretically.

Derek

I think a lot about staying sober. Um, I think about what I want to do with my life and how I'm going to do that. I want to move to San Francisco. Um someday, maybe I'd feel more accepted there, I don't know. I don't want to run away from my problems because you know wherever you go, there you are, and you can't run away from yourself.

Alex

(Off-screen) Hello? Grandma, I'm on my way.

Marie Wood

Some of these homeless kids, the gay and lesbian homeless kids will actually visit their family homes, it seems to be, more often that they do that, drop in to see if there is some acceptance going on, and then blow out again.

Jeff

I just push my hair back and it spikes kinda...except right here.

Alex

We need certain kinds of gel. We need different kinds of gel, um probably...I can totally spike your hair. Your hair will spike, mine does. We can make your hair spike.

Grandma Sue

He was turned out when he was 18, on his own. But we didn't think it was a good idea for him to come back. Jeff was doing fine on his own.

Grandpa Leon

Well he got into a little trouble around here with his... gay parts. His cousins and some different things over there. And uh, raised quite a bit of hell around here.

Grandma Sue

We basically didn't think at 19 years of age, that he should come back here. Because of the struggles that he would have. Carbon County is kind of an isolated place.

Grandpa Leon

Well he'd do better there with his lifestyle than he would down here.

Grandma Sue

Its basically LDS, and he was catholic.

Grandpa Leon

Most every kid I know who was gay down in this place all moved out of here into Salt Lake and different places there. Cause it's not too good of a lifestyle down here for them kind.

Grandma Sue

They have the gay center up there, and everything else that he can get in with and that's what we asked them to do, before they released him was to kind of gear him towards those people that could help him instead of just getting out on the streets and meeting people like that. We thought it was better for him to be with an organization. So...

Grandma Sue

That's where I'm going honey.

Alex

You should give me one of those little angels again.

Grandma Sue

All right, I'll get you one. Be good. Let me know when you get a job.

Alex

I'm getting a job soon. I'm going into customer service. Oh shoot! I was going to ask you. I have to finish up my um my...I have to fill my prescription and I wanted to know if you could help me with 10%? It's for Adderol.

Grandma Sue

I don't have any money right now. How much is 10%?

Alex

30 bucks.

Grandma Sue

I'll have to send it to you, I don't have it.

Alex

Okay. Do you want me to call you and give you an address?

Grandma Sue

Yeah. Give me an address where they can accept the mail okay?

Alex

All right. The rest is being taken care of.

Grandma Sue

All right. I've got to go.

Alex

I love you grandma.

Alex

I'm getting money. Grandma is going to mail me money for Adderol. Well it's not really for Adderol its actually going to be so I can buy roll pills and get into sales. I told her I'm getting a job soon though. I wasn't lying. Customer service, drug dealing. Its customer service. It is. I'm so desperate for money now, its so depressing and everything like that, that...I don't know, of course I'm willing to go to the extent of lying to my own grandmother to try and get some money to get into the business. What you thinking?

Jeff

I don't like that you're uh going to grandma for money to buy pills.

Alex

I know, I know. If I had another way to get the money, well I do but it's not exactly a way I want to go...lets keep walking.

Alex

There is one more thing I forgot to look for. Um, you're a bitch.

Jeff

I'm a bitch? What do you mean?

Alex

Yeah, mine's marked up and down with troubles. Yours doesn't even show very many troubles at all.

Alex

It's just hard coming back here. I don't know its just easier to block them out you know? Not my brother though, I don't want to block out my brother just everything else. Its one thing when you come back and visit, you don't have to talk about everything that happened in the past, you don't have to bring up any

memories of the past. But its another thing when you have to come back into it and then you're forced to remember, I don't know it's just different. It hits you all at once. And you don't really expect it.

Dr. Joan Sheetz

I often wonder what will happen to these kids as they grow up and there is no longitudinal research to tell us who these kids become as they become adults. They are a tough population to keep track of. And I'm not sure anybody's tried looking.

Selina

My speakers, my stereo, guitar... That's my stuff. My dad walks out and saw my hair and he told me never to talk to him in my life again. And then I went upstairs and my mom just like, duh...went like that. And then I went inside my room and then my dad came inside of the room, and was like you ----- bitch, don't ever ----- talk to me again. He was all like I can't ----- believe you did this -----. I want you out by the end of the weekend and no excuses. He's all like or else your ---- is outside the window. And then I was like "oh sad" I was like I shouldn't have cut my hair. And then I went and took a shower and I looked in the mirror and I was like-oh man I love my hair! So I didn't feel so bad. And then I was like gabby...? I talked to her for a minute. And it made me feel better.

Filmmaker

What did she say to you?

Gabby - Selina's friend

Come here! You have everything here, they don't want you, we want you here.

Selina

I just don't understand. I mean like I would give, you know what I mean like, its like every time I like care about someone or something I would give them everything I ever have. I mean...I end getting treated like ----, I mean like where do I deserve it? I don't understand. Anyway...next.

Gabby -

She was sleeping and then she showed up to my mom's room. She gets on my moms bed and she was like "Gabby, why my mom don't love me"? And it makes me feel really bad. And I told her that she loves her but she doesn't know how to show that. I don't know a mother that doesn't love her kids.

Derek

When will you have the math textbooks?

Clerk at Bookstore

We should have some this afternoon.

Derek

I'm going to be the first male in our family to go to college. For a while I had a crazy idea that I was going to be a Doctor or something. I don't know. Or a physician's assistant. I don't know if that's what I'm going to do, I'm just going to try to play it by ear, see how well I do in school. Maybe if I have like a 3.9 GPA by the time I get a bachelors degree maybe then I'll think about going to medical school, I don't know.

Tasha

The way that I see it is I don't ever want to end up like I was. You know what I mean? I don't ever want to get back into coke. I don't want to do drugs anymore, I don't want to end up homeless, and I don't want to do those things anymore. And I'm doing good. I'm going to go to college soon. You know all that stuff.

Gabriela

It's the scarlet letter. The pink shirts are the survivors.

Alex

There is not really, I don't know there is not a lot of stuff that's like happened for the better you know what I'm saying. I'm an escort. I have relapsed a lot more in the last couple of weeks. Doing more meth and everything um, I haven't used needles as much. I have used it a couple of times. Not as much at all.

Alex

Same vein. I don't like any other veins. This is my vein of choice. I have two really good ways to get money really fast. Selling dope or doing escorting. Either way I'm involved in drugs. If my situation doesn't figure itself out, if I can't get enough money to buy drugs, I'll do the escorting real quick, make enough money, cut the dope and start selling. One way or another I'm going to get myself out. Once I get enough money, I'll be out of the game.

Family member

No that's my spot.

Cookie

No Sina is sitting there.

Cookie

We are going that way.

Maria

Say, "We are going camping".

Cookie

We are going camping.

Selina

Excuse me Mr. Kitty. What do I wish for? I don't know maybe just to be happy. To know what I'm doing. To know what I want first of all.

Gabby

Cookie stop it!

Selina

OH, It's starting. Are we going? Finally! Bye Bye!

Family

Bye!

Web spot

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Underwriter

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Derek

Welcome to the wonderful life of Derek Winslow. I'm Derek Winslow the great, your host for this evening. You know I'm often asked, how it is that I came to be so great, well I just got to let you know, its not something you can attain, you have to be born with these skills and some of us are just more fortunate than others.