

"Before First Place, I had nowhere to call home. and I thought I had no future. First Place lifted me up and put me back on my feet — helping me get an apartment and giving me the chance to go to college."



FIRST PLACE FOR YOUTH SUPPORTS FOSTER KIDS AS THEY LEARN TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES.

When a child's family can't be there for them, it leaves a big gap. It can be hard for foster kids to find their way as adults. Without a family to lean on, many struggle in school and have trouble finding a job. Some even end up homeless.

At First Place for Youth, we know that more is possible for these young people. With the community's support, we help them reach their full potential in school, work and life.

> "When I was a kid, I experienced a lot of violence and felt like no one loved me. But the people at First Place are always by my side. They give me so much help and guidance and I finally feel like I'm part of a family." - RICHARD

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Compared to other foster kids their age, First Place youth are

- Twice as likely to graduate from high school
- Twice as likely to be employed
- Six times more likely to be enrolled in college

At First Place for Youth, we help foster kids beat the odds. We help them get their first jobs, keep going in school, and make responsible life choices. The skills they gain at First Place for Youth put them on the path towards a brighter future.

DAY AFTER DAY, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE PROVE THAT MORE IS POSSIBLE.



"We have high expectations for our young people. We work really hard, and so do they. To be there, cheering at graduation for a kid who just a year ago didn't believe it was possible, is an amazingly proud feeling."

- ERICA, First Place Staff Member





MAKE AN IMPACT

Your support can help foster kids build a brighter future. Would you like to learn more? Contact us with questions, donate online, or come by for a visit. We look forward to hearing from you!



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