



BRUCE

Background: Bruce grew up in something that looked akin to a 1950s sitcom. Nice house, nice neighborhood, nice family---or so it seemed. Inside those walls though, the fighting and distress, threats, and occasional violent outbreaks---it was traumatizing for young Bruce, and enough to make him run away on several occasions. He earned a reputation as "The Runaway Kid," which almost made HIM out to be the bad guy in the scenario.

Help from Waypoint: Like most young people who find their way to Waypoint youth services, Bruce came with a history of trauma that was not going to be easy to overcome. Aside from providing a safe respite from home, we offered trusted adults who could serve as sounding boards and advisors, and were honored to walk beside him as he navigated this difficult time of his life. We helped him finish school, get his driver's license, and access temp housing when he couldn't stay at home. We also connected him with counseling, which he was hesitant to try, but now, swears by.

Where to from here: Bruce's history of trauma, and the positive results from the array of services provided, have actually inspired him to study psychology. He hopes to one day be able to counsel families like his, and young people like himself, through the toughest times of their lives.