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Senior Program Officer Lewis It is about developing

independence, being able to feel as though

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they can make decisions for themselves, mapping

out what they would like to see happen in

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their own lives, there s a road ahead that's mapped out that's a bit clearer today than

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it was yesterday and it will be even clearer

tomorrow.

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Mia Well I like kids, so I feel I like to

do something with kids, maybe a caseworker

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or a childcare worker or something along those

lines, cos I've had a lot of help and I don't

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 know what I would have done without that,

so I feel that it would be cool to do something

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similar and help people like me.

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 My caseworker Fran, she helped me learn

how to cook, my favourite is spag bol so she

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helped me do that and now I understand how

to do that, and she took me shopping and she

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helped me learn to budget and stuff like that

which was cool cos I don't know how to do

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any of that before, I just like spending so

that was nice.

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 She helped me get a job down the road

at a café, she helped me with my resume and

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tax forms, filling out all the forms she helped

me with that stuff. Having a job is awesome,

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I love working, cos now I get to spend my

own money, on my own things.

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Sometimes I get really down because I

see all these other kids on Snapchat and Instagram

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with their families going on cool holidays

and I don t really get that sort of stuff

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and it makes me miss my family. I don t feel

normal.

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My caseworker, she takes me to the doctor,

one time she took me to talk about contraception

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and sex, but I m not stupid, it was helpful

but I don't need that.

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I like school cos I really want to get

my HSC but some of the other girls can be

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really mean they just don't say nice things

and sometimes it's really hurtful but I don't

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worry about it, cos I really want to get

my HSC, that's my goal cos I m going to help

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people, yeah I m focussed.

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Senior Program Officer Lewis it s about reminding

them that the difficult years that kids will

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be facing and reminding carers that you re

there as a support, to reassure them that

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some of the decisions that their making is

about helping them prepare this young person

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for adulthood and riding some of the highs

and the lows that young people will go through..

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Closing credits

Thank you to:

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Lewis Senior Program Officer

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Based on young people s stories

Performed by actors

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