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Opening credits and scene

NSW government logo

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Our future – My Way

Stephanie’s Story

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Caseworker Simone – Try to look for their

talents, Don’t underestimate the value of praise,

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they still need your praise even if they are

18 and out in the world and are coming back

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to you. It’s really important to praise them and

be specific about the praise that you give them

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and really encourage them because you might be

the only person that’s doing that in their life.

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Stephanie – my main goal is really to

be a good role model for my baby girl.

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I used to have this caseworker

who didn’t take me seriously at all and that

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was really hard but I got a new caseworker who

does take me seriously and it really just helps

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me take myself seriously. If I can take myself

seriously, I can make better choices not just

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for me but for my little baby girl now, and when

I had my baby girl I need to be taken seriously,

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I didn’t want to be treated as a child.

My concerns were that sometimes

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if I was freaking out I wouldn’t be able to

get help right away but I can actually text

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my caseworker and she gets back to be right

away every time. So if I’m freaking out,

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then that’s really, really helpful.

I actually thought that

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once I turned 18 the help would stop and that

Janelle wouldn’t continue to contact me and

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offer support and resources but she continues

to follow up and get to know me and Cassie.

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Janelle actually arranged for child

care twice a week so that I can go to TAFE and

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study hairdressing which I wanted to do forever.

And she continues to follow through

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which I didn’t expect and

the support is really nice.

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She put us in an early parenting

program and that actually included somewhere to

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stay which was better than I thought it would be.

She introduced me to so many programs

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that are really, really helpful and I had

no idea that they even existed and I really

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would never have found them or even known

where to begin if it wasn’t for Janelle.

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Manager Wendy – There’s a lot of resources

out there, scholarships, TAFE course,

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there are so many things out there for these young

people to access if that is what they choose to

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do. It develops their self-esteem, improves

their life style, it improves everything.