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How has violence affected my life?

Violence has affected my life in many ways. One way violence has affected my life is it caused loved ones to be scared to be seen and to talk when they are seen. One time when I was younger my mother got into an argument with one of my older cousin. My mother and cousin got into this argument at my grandmother’s house. My grandmother was at work so she did not know what was going on. At this time my grandmother was getting her back porch done so the only thing when the porch was to be was cement. This argument went so far that my mother got my cousin, put her into a chair, open the porch door and threatened to drop her while she was in the chair on to the cement. I was just standing in the kitchen doorway because I was too scared to interfere because my mother scared me too much (when my mother got into anything, anyone who interfered was going to possibly going to get hurt). Then my mother started yelling at my cousin. From this experience it has told me one to never mess around with my mother, and two you don’t have to use violence to solve everything. There are other ways to solve thing and violence is not one. Another way violence has affected my life is it has gotten my family put on probation and they could only stay other until a certain time. When I was younger and I lived with my mother dropped my sister and I off at my grandmother’s house. A few hours after we go dropped off my grandmother was going out. Everyone wanted to go and my cousins were down the street playing basketball
with their friends. We drove down the street and we saw my cousins and it was coming close to their curfew, so my grandmother told them that they need to start walking up the street. Another way violence has affected my life is it caused us to rarely see loved ones or to not see them at all. About four years ago when my second youngest sister was a baby, my mom got into a argument with me mother. My little sister’s father left to go to work before anything got violent. My mom got us all in to the car and followed him. Soon my moms got out the car and threatened to seriously injure him. My mom has friends who are cops and my little sister’s father knew them. So he called them and told my mother he did. Then my mother parked the car across the street and waited for them to come. They came a few minutes late and told my mom to go to home or to my grandmother’s house. Ever since that day my mother said she does not want to have deal with her because she got mad at her father.

What are causes the of youth violence?

There are many causes of youth violence. Some causes of youth violence can be stupid things like the friends you have, the games you play, or just hanging out with the wrong people. Some other causes of youth violence can be the clothes people wear, the sports they do, talking trash, lying spreading rumors and passing notes about other people. I would know this because I come from a family where to them violence sets the rules. Youth violence can be caused on the streets, at home or at school. Youth violence can also be caused by people liking each other it can cause friendships turn upside down. In school kids like to start stuff but they need someone to help them and back them up when thing start to get rough which can lead to even more youth violence but not between the people who started it. On the streets youth violence can be caused by two girls and one boy. The two girls are both going out with the same
boy but they never knew about each other. Then one day he plans something for one girl and he tells that girl about but when he texts her to remind her about it then he clicks send, but he accidently sends it to the other girl. Then the boy got himself into something he will never want to get into again or it can be the other way and the girl will get herself into something she will never want to get involved in again. In a home, where there are preteens and/or teens, youth violence can break out between any and or all, but it can be because of stupid things like who is going to take their shower first, what they wear or who does what chores. I have had this experience because the kids' ages in my house are 10, 11, a soon to be 12 year-old, and me, a 13 year-old. In our house it is mostly girl, with one boy.

**What can I do about violence?**

One thing I can do about violence is if I know something is going to happen I should tell an adult. If I don't tell an adult things can possibly get carried away and someone can get seriously hurt. Another thing I can do about violence is try to find friends who I know will not get involved with violence. If I hang out with friends who like to get involved with violence then I could start to act like them, but I know better than that. The last thing that I can do about violence is If someone I know is about to fight with someone else I know then I can possibly try to talk them out of it, then find an adult and ask them to make sure they don’t come in contact with each other and one of them gets seriously hurt.