What is violence?

Violence is physical force use to injure/hurt or kill one or people. There are three types of violence that i know of. They are physical sexual and psychological.

How has violence affected my life?

When i was living with my mom it was almost like everyday there was a fight going on and my mom just so happened to be in the middle of it. For example one day we were with my mom and I had to go to the bathroom very bad. So we went be my little sister's dad's house and there was some other lady there. She said something to my mom and my mom went off. She got the car and start throwing punches. Not long after the police came. One day in the summer my family was little get to gather at my grandmother's house (my grandmother was getting her back porch done over so all that was back there was cement) and my mom and cousin Tonya got into an argument. Seconds later my mom had my cousin hanging over what was left of the back pouch. My mom Sonya was yelling at Tonya then i was also screaming "MOM DON'T DO IT MOMMY NO PLEASE DON'T DO IT" My grandma told her to stop but she never seem to listen not even to her mother. A couple of months before my sisters and i got taken away from my
mom, my older sister and mother got into a fight. My mom almost suffocated my sister and all i could do was stand back and scream "MOMMY PLEASE STOP MOMMY STOP PLEASE STOP!" But she didn't listen so they went on and eventually it led to outside. i was crying and once again the police came and every time my mom got into a fight it was the same officer who came.

What are causes of youth violence?

There are many causes of youth violence. Some causes of youth violence that I know of is rumors, trash talking, relationships, gangs, racism, education, clothing, and bullying. Last year there was a major problem at my school. There was this girl who said that everyone was bullying her. I was one of the girls who were this girl's friend while most of the other students were against her. One day she went to the bathroom and a bunch of girls and i followed her. They all were yelling at her and after she left the other girls left right behind her. Our guidance counselor saw that I was the last girl coming out and she pulled me aside and asked me what they were doing in there. I was not going to lie because I didn't want that problem getting out of hand. This year it seems like everyone dropped everything from last year and restarted.

What can I do about youth violence?
I can pledge not to join a gang. Instead I can start a club and make it a nonviolence club. Second I can try not to get involved in rumors and if someone said so and so said such and such instead of believing what they are saying i should go ask the person if what everyone is saying is true and if it’s not, we can go on about our business and leave it there. I will not judge someone by their looks or how they dress or even what shoes they wear. I will not become or be bullied.