Violence happens everyday in this world we live in. Being confronted by violence can make you feel uncomfortable or scared that you might get involved in the violence taking place at that moment. Most people who are bullies or are causing this violence are teens or even young adults that have no role model in their lives to push them to do their best. Every one needs that person that they can look up to. People should make the right choices in their lives and think twice about what they are about to do or the decisions they are about to make. People who are being bullied shouldn’t let that person over thorn them. A time when I have confronted violence in my own neighborhood is one I will never forget. It happened when I was about 7 years old. I had opened the front door and I could hear gun shots coming from down the street. I saw this man running and there was blood all over his face. The man with the gun was with a group of other guys and ran right past my house. Once he turned back and saw me looking. I shut the door as fast as I could and all I could hear was gun shots. My mom called the police. I was so scared and shocked. I couldn’t say a word at that moment or process through my mind what had just happened. I since I was so small.

When ever I see the news all they talk about is people being killed for no reason at all and that makes no sense for someone to take someone’s life if they didn’t do nothing. On the news they are talking about how four girls got shot at Franklin Park during the summer. One of those girls that had gotten shot
Was my neighbor. It was heart breaking to hear that news because she did not know what was wrong in order for her to get killed. She had great grades and barely went out places. That one day she decided to go out with the wrong people, which were her friends ended up making her get killed along with them. I always get scared when ever I hear about these things happening in my neighborhood or other places. I ask myself every day and time when I see these kinds of violence when I’m going to be safe or not and that I have to make the right choices about what I am and what I am about to do. It’s horrible that innocent people are getting killed because they were mistaken by the gangs that are hurting these people and are after them for no reason what so ever. In mostly every story about someone being murdered it’s because they have chose to hang out with the wrong people at the wrong time. My mom has always made me feel safe about where I am and she always tells me to not be scared and to hang around with people who make the right choices and doesn’t do bad things.

The causes of youth violence are very common in a lot of households around the world. A lot of kids are growing up without that positive fatherly figure that pushes them to do the right things and make the right choices in life so that they can be the best at everything. People who have been in a family or environment where they have not felt loved or appreciated makes them turn to gangs. These people would join gangs because these members in the gang has made that person feel welcomed to be with them. That person
feels loved and appreciated because they weren't getting that feeling where they was before. What they are ending up doing though is making the wrong choices and doing the wrong things that would make their future be bad for them cause they are only being influenced by people they choose to follow.

What I can do as an individual to reduce youth violence is something that every one can do as a step to prevent violence. If I saw someone being bullied emotionally I would make that person feel more confident about them self. Don't let them feel let down about them selves. I can be a positive role model for someone who doesn't have someone to lead them in the right direction. Try to keep that person that's going to be bullied more away from them.

Throughout my life I have witnessed people being bullied. Being confronted by violence can make you feel uncomfortable. Bullies only bully people to make them selves feel like they are bigger and better than you. Don't let any one make you feel bad about your self. Violence occurs everywhere and happens mostly all the time.