

In my community there are a lot of young kids who are involved in gangs or a group of people who are not doing well in our community. The thing that I have done to give back was to stand up against violence. I gave a speech about the importance of continuing support for Gang Prevention programs in our community. I made a commitment to be a role model, help youth younger than I am be positive, take a positive route to success, and help others. Through my involvement with gang prevention, I've learned that some people are just naturally born into a "thug life" as we call it which makes it difficult to get out or make good choices. As a role model for others, I want to keep youth from entering a path to gang life. I want to lead them towards a successful path to become a better person and give back to the community. I know this work is important to me because I am passionate about helping others in life. Currently, I am involved in gang prevention and participate in after school activities that will help me go to college.

Federal government official should create policies to increase the resources available to Native American youth. Why? Because I see my community struggling with school, drugs and connections with society. They are unable to get access to resources because they are so limited. In order for me to take part of this problem that I see in my community is to create a youth peer mentoring program. I will inform youth that there is more to life than rolling in the dirt, so when I make that statement to them hopefully faith can act it's part and lead them to the path where they'll find a bright future ahead of them. Another thing I also see is that the youth are like infants because whatever they see that's like Drinking, Smoking, and doing Drugs they want to do it as well because they think it would consider them cool but it affects them in many ways.