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## Alexis's Story

When we don't want to know the truth, we tend to avoid it. For four months Alexis avoided taking a pregnancy test to confirm her pregnancy. Eventually, she decided to go to the Teen Clinic for a pregnancy test – it was confirmed. Alexis was scared, happy, and nervous all at once. But she didn't share the news with her mom until she could no longer hide the baby bump at 5½ months. Alexis' mom was frustrated. Her siblings were disappointed.

Alexis decided to change to a school that offered child care; knowing that her son was nearby made it easier for her to concentrate in class. It was there that she was connected to the GENESIS Program. "I thought it was a great opportunity for someone to help me with legal papers, advice, and supplies," she said. She discovered it was even more than that!

Her parent educator, Teri, helped with everything to become a great parent – from taking her to appointments to providing her with parenting advice. At the time, Alexis didn't know how to drive, so Teri would take her to appointments. "Teri was in the doctor's office helping me with my son while I was getting on birth control. I had no one else to go with me or help me in that situation. She was amazing," said Alexis.

Thanks to Teri and the school's help, Alexis graduated three semesters early and started college right away. Four years later, Alexis is 19 years old and attending Metro State University with more academic credits than a traditional 19-year-old in college would have.

She also works full-time as a beauty consultant, as well as being a full-time mom. She plans to use her criminal justice and social work education to become a probation officer for juveniles. "I was on probation while I was pregnant. My officer had every right to throw me in jail, but she saw something in me after she found out that I was pregnant. She was harder on me, but she saw that I changed from one day to the next, so I was off probation early," Alexis explained. She said she did change after finding out she was pregnant. "GENESIS let me know that I wasn't alone and that I could do anything that I wanted to," she said.



“At times I felt like the only teen parent in the world, but GENESIS let me know that I wasn't alone.”



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