

## What Project WHAT! Means to Our Youth:



*“Project WHAT! is a support system for everyone in the program. I appreciate the program because it helps us develop skills, you gain a support system, you gain knowledge, and not only do you gain these things but you are able to put everything you gained to use.”*

**Isaiah Bolanos, Youth Advocate, 16 years old**



*“My experience has been life changing. My favorite part of program is being able to deal with my parents’ incarceration with others, being able to grow, learn, and not be ashamed of what I was going through. Along with that learning about the Criminal Justice System is really important to me because it’s a way to learn what I’ve been exposed to. I’ve also learned how to open up to people in a positive way other than acting out.”*

**Ameerah Tubby, Youth Advocate, 15 years old**



*“I enjoy learning from people every day that we have program. Everyone’s different opinion has given me a new perspective on life, and without Project WHAT! I wouldn’t have become a better rounded person.”*

**Cristian Lopez-Jimenez, Youth Advocate, 17 years old**



*“I love that Project WHAT! has other kids that are going through similar things as me, it makes me feel like I’m not alone during the process of my father being incarcerated...I’m really glad I found out about Project WHAT! because now I’m not afraid to speak up to my family, speak up period, really just letting people know how I really feel.”*

**Jamonnie Price, Youth Advocate, 16 years old**