

Garza Family Story Video Script

Strong Families, Safe Children

This is the Garza family's story of reunification.
Wichita

Dad: "WE WERE SAD WHEN THEY TOOK OUR SON AWAY, BUT WE KIND OF FIGURE THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE HIM AND IT WAS HARD, VERY HARD FOR ME AND HER, ME AND MY WIFE."

Reporter: THE GARZA FAMILY TRIED THEIR BEST, BUT THEY SAY THEIR BEST WASN'T ENOUGH TO KEEP THEIR SON FROM BEING REMOVED FROM THEIR HOME.
THEIR TEEN WAS OUT-OF-CONTROL, NOT GOING TO SCHOOL AND NOT TAKING HIS MEDICATIONS.
THE GARZAS DIDN'T HAVE THE ANSWER.
ONE THING THEY DID KNOW, THE INSTANT THEIR SON ENTERED FOSTER CARE, THEY NEEDED TO DO WHATEVER IT WOULD TAKE TO GET HIM BACK.

Mom: "ST. FRANCIS HELPED US. THEY SENT PEOPLE TO HELP US OUT."

Dad: "IT WAS HARD FOR US WHEN THEY TOOK OUR CHILD. IT WASN'T FUN. SOMETIMES I WAS MAD, BUT THEN I JUST THANKS BECAUSE OF THE SERVICES WE HAD KIND OF TOLD ME AND KIND OF TOOK THE ANGER WAY WHERE I UNDERSTOOD I WAS WRONG."

THE DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIE'S FOSTER CARE AND FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES PROVIDER SAINT FRANCIS COMMUNITY SERVICES, OFFERED THE GARZAS THE ANSWERS THEY WERE LOOKING FOR...HOW TO LOVINGLY ENFORCE THE RULES OF THE HOME TO ENSURE THAT THEIR SON WENT TO SCHOOL AND TOOK HIS MEDICATION.

SERVICES INCLUDED IN-HOME THERAPY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

THE GARZA'S LEARNED HOW TO DEAL WITH OLD PROBLEMS AND HOW TO FACE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD.

Mom: "WHAT WE DO, WE TALK THE PROBLEM OUT WE FIND SOLUTION AND THEN WE GO AND MAKE THE SOLUTION WHEN WE HAVE A PROBLEM."

THE GARZAS HAVE THEIR SON HOME AND NOW CAN ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.

THEY ENCOURAGE OTHER PARENTS WHO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN TAKEN AWAY, TO DO THE WORK NECESSARY TO GET THEM BACK.

Dad: "DON'T GIVE UP." TRY THEIR BEST TO OBEY THE SERVICES WHILE THEY HAVE THEM. DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE, YOU KNOW, IF THEY ARE ABOUT THEIR CHILD, THEY NEED TO TRY THEIR HARD.

AND WITH THEIR SON'S BEHAVIORS NOW MANAGED, THEIR HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR HIS FUTURE.

Mom: "FOR THE FUTURE OF MY SON. I'M HOPING THAT WHEN HE GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, HE WILL GO TO COLLEGE AND GET A DEGREE."

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