

Meet Olivia F.



One of the hardest parts of high school for Olivia was finding the right school. She started her freshman year at North High School and failed two classes. The classes were too big for her and she couldn't find the support she needed.

When Olivia enrolled in Colorado High School Charter, it just worked. She excelled in school and felt comfortable talking to her student advisors whenever she needed help.

Olivia became pregnant her sophomore year. While she stopped going to school for a short period of time, she returned with a promise. To some teenagers this promise might just be a passing conversation, but it means the world to Olivia. She starts to become emotional when she describes her promise she has made to herself, her mother, and most importantly her daughter. She will graduate from high school.

It hasn't been easy, but Olivia has learned to balance her role as a mother and as a student. She does her best to get all her school work done even before she gets home so she can spend as much time as possible with her daughter. Olivia says "I'm just going to keep going day-by-day and keep doing me and eliminate any negativity in my life" Olivia's mom also plays a major role in who she is and helps out a lot with her daughter.

Today, not only is Olivia fully on track to graduate from high school, but she plans to go to college next fall at either the Community College of Denver or Arapahoe Community College.

Sinead, a CYC Student Advisor at CHSC, has loved getting to know Olivia. She says "I feel like I learn from Olivia every time we talk- I am truly inspired by her. Regardless of her adversities and the barriers she's been up against- she stays focused on her goal for her family. She exudes maturity and wisdom. Additionally, Olivia is quick to incorporate you into her family and community-she has a huge heart. She will go above and beyond to help out around the school, make you feel welcome, and help you out."