



A Vignette by TRACK

We provided services to a 23-year-old pregnant homeless woman. When she arrived, she had no previous pre-natal care, was malnourished and had a fourth grade education level. She was identified as a participant in her sixth month of pregnancy. She embraced the opportunity to be in this program. One highlight of her stay with us was the transformation in her self-esteem when she was given the opportunity to receive tutoring from the Oroville Library Literacy Program. She became excited to read material in groups and was seen as an inspiration by her peers and staff. Because she will now take pride in her abilities to read, she will be able to pass on and share this gift with her child. This woman gave birth to a healthy 8 pound baby boy.

Another participant, a 33-year-old mother of three, her youngest born just prior to entering treatment, stated she was positively impacted by her whole experience at our program. She shared with our Parent Educator how her experiences with the parenting program will positively impact the way she will raise her infant son. This client struggled with a co-occurring disorder which she addressed with the assistance of Butte County's Behavioral Health Department. She reports today that she is able to live in her community free from the fears of anxiety and depression. This courageous woman, who found it difficult to ask for help, allows ongoing Public Health nurses to assist her and her infant since she left treatment.