

It's your 3rd time leaving a foster home since CYFD took you away from your parents. You can't tell if foster care is better than having crappy parents. Your parents were torturing you mentally, physically and neglecting you. They thought of you as a pestering roach instead of the innocent loving sweet boy you were. Everyday abuse and neglect happens to children, you might even know someone who is or has gone through this. Studies show that in New Mexico 83.8 child abuse referrals per 1000 children and 11 children in every 1000 children under the age of 18 are abused or neglected. This project is about how neglectful parents could lead their children to be homeless which leads them to a higher rate of exposure to drugs. Our net logo model would include turtles representing parents and their children. We will have the non-neglectful parents interact more with their children more and the neglectful parents will not interact with their children as much. Over time we'll see that the neglected children will go on their own path which leads to them homelessness at a young age. Being homeless at a young age they won't know how to deal with such an intense environment and always being in survival mode they are most likely to turn to drugs to "help" them with the intense environment. Our prediction is that more of the positive interactions would lead to a lower risk of homelessness and not being exposed to drugs, and negative interactions would lead to homelessness and a higher exposure to drugs and make it harder for them to get off the streets.