

## ***“A DROPOUT STORY”***

***ANNA DECIDED TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL A FEW WEEKS AFTER SHE TURNED 16. A REVIEW OF HER SCHOOL SOCIAL HISTORY REVEALS THAT SHE HAS ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD) AND WAS A MAJOR DISRUPTION IN CLASS. HER BEHAVIOR BECAME AN ISSUE IN THE 4TH GRADE AND BY 6TH GRADE RESULTED IN SEVERAL OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, ANNA WAS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES OR ANY OTHER SCHOOL RESOURCE SERVICES. WHEN ANNA REACHED THE AGE OF 15, SHE BEGAN TO ASSOCIATE WITH OLDER TEENAGERS WHO INFLUNCED HER TO USE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. ANNA WAS ALSO RETAINED IN THE NINTH GRADE BECAUSE SHE MISSED 61 DAYS OF SCHOOL.***

***AS A RESULT OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL USAGE, ANNA BECAME PREGNANT AND DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL. ANNA’S ONLY SUPPORT SYSTEM WAS HER MOTHER WHO HAD A MENTAL ILLNESS. HER FATHER WAS IN PRISON. ANNA HAS TWO OLDER SIBLINGS WHO ARE BOTH DROP OUTS. AT THE AGE OF 18, ANNA WAS ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING A STORE CLERK.***