

TRANSCRIPTION OF INTERVIEW WITH ALICIA BAILEY– 7-30-12
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Jeff: In the Character GPS program we talked about what you want to be when you grow up. So, Alicia, what did you decide?

Alicia: When I grow up, I want to be a doctor.

Jeff: In becoming a doctor, then, what smart goal do you have to make sure that you can attain that?

Alicia: Finish middle school, then go on to high school, then go to college.

Jeff: What are some of the behavior challenges with kids, you know , like bullying and so on. You may have heard about the bus monitor up North that the kids bullied her on the bus. Did you hear about that story?

Alicia: Yes

Jeff: They were calling her fat and all these kind of things. Did you think that was appropriate behavior?

Alicia: No.

Jeff: What do you think was wrong with it? Why shouldn't they be talking to anyone like that?

Alicia: Because everyone has their problems and they shouldn't be judging other people.

Jeff: So from what you learned in the Character GPS program, what would you have done if you were there?

Alicia: I would have taken up for her or I would have told an adult.

Jeff: So from what you learned about bullying in the Character GPS program, what would you have done in that situation with the bus monitor being bullied?

Alicia: If I was on the bus, I would have helped. I would have helped told them off.

Jeff: Where did you learn to do that?

Alicia: Everywhere.

Jeff: We practiced several of those scenarios in Character GPS, remember Character GPS theater? You came up and did a few of those.

Alicia: Yes.

Jeff: How about as far as what you gained personally? Did you gain a sense of confidence and self esteem? What did you gain from the Character GPS program?

Alicia: I gained and I learned that everybody has their problems and you have problems yourself, so don't look down at yourself.

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Jeff: OK Great. And, obviously, you are priceless, right?

Alicia: Um-hmm.

Jeff: You can't let anyone tell you otherwise, right?

Alicia: Yeah.

Jeff: It was wonderful. So at first your dad didn't want you to come and we did a make-up session and you made it all the way to graduation.

How did it feel to graduate from the program?

Alicia: It felt good.

Jeff: What did you like about it?

Alicia: Everything.

Jeff: What from the Character GPS program did you learn about what you want to be when you grow up?

Alicia: From the GPS program I learned about how the real life is going to be and stuff like that - and I want to become a doctor when I get older.

Jeff: What Smart goals then are you setting for yourself so you can achieve your dream of becoming a doctor?

Alicia: The Smart goals that I set are that I am going to finish middle school, then go on to high school and then go to college for my doctorate degree.

Jeff: Excellent. That's great. Now, in the program we looked at a lot of different behavior problems that are going on, like bullying is a big problem. We heard in the news about a bus monitor being bullied, What was wrong with those kid treating that bus monitor that way? Why should they not be bullying?

Alicia: They shouldn't treat the bus monitor that way because everybody has their problems and they have problems themselves that they need to fix in life.

Jeff: So it's not good to take it out on other people?

Alicia: No. It's not.

Jeff: Yeah. That's good. If you were there and you heard these kids calling this bus monitor fat and so on, what would you have don't, as you learned in the Character GPS, what is an appropriate response to bullying?

Alicia: If I was there, and I heard the kids talking about the bus monitor, I would have took up for her or told an adult.

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Jeff: Very good. So, one of the keys in our Character GPS program that we are building towards each week in our adventures is Graduation. What did it feel like to finally graduate from the program? What was that experience like with all the parents, your friends and everyone there.

Alicia: It felt good. But at the same time I was scared because there was a whole bunch of people there.

Jeff: You were a little nervous, huh. So you got a certificate and you got your dog tags, right,

Alicia: uh huh

Jeff: and you got your picture taken with Adam Hayward. What was that all like to have that event, kind of celebrating you completing this program? What did that feel like?

Alicia: It felt special.

Jeff: Yeah. Because you are. That's great. So, from the Character GPS program, what do you think you're taking out of it. What do you think you gained from the program?

Alicia: From the program I gained a lot about myself and about others and how they feel.

Jeff: Great. All right. Well, we're so glad that you made it to the end and now you have those tools you can be working with. Any other impressions of what the adventures were like each week what did you like about it. Did it feel like a classroom experience or was it different

Alicia: It felt like a classroom experience.

Jeff: But we did some additional things beyond just reading and writing

Alicia: uh-huh

Jeff: What was different about Character GPS?

Alicia: Like, I never did the role plays before. That was fun.