



**PROGRAM:**  
Family Functional Therapy

**LOCATION:** Caney, KS

# Celebrating Success and Transforming Lives.

**Achievements:**  
Learning to control  
her emotions,  
Improving school  
attendance and grades

The Eckerd Connects Success Award recognizes individuals who have overcome adversity, demonstrated resilience, and achieved remarkable success through their involvement with Eckerd Connects programs. These inspiring stories showcase the transformative impact of our programs in empowering individuals to overcome obstacles and build a brighter future.

**PRESLEE (AGE 16)**

Family trauma can have a tremendous impact on every family member. When Preslee experienced the loss of her sister's miscarriage, she felt it deeply. Not only that, but Preslee had a heart defect that required surgery. She spent most of the spring 2023 semester in the hospital recovering from open heart surgery.

Preslee was behind in school after missing nearly a year. She experienced angry outbursts and became verbally abusive, leaving home for extended periods. Through the Eckerd Connects Family Functional Therapy (FFT) she was able to learn to manage her emotions, and to catch up on school through an online program. She has As and Bs and is now going to return to a traditional classroom setting.

Through all this, financial strains prompted the water to be cut off in her home. Preslee had only an old iPad to get her through school. The family needed help and Eckerd Connects Success Awards was there to supply it, paying the overdue water bill and providing Preslee with a new computer to help her succeed academically.

## ADDITIONAL STATS:

- She currently lives with her mother.
- Preslee had to overcome anxiety and fear of going back to school.

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Your support can make a difference in the lives of individuals striving for success. Consider making a contribution to the Eckerd Connects Success Award to help us continue our mission of transforming lives. Visit our donation page to contribute and make a positive impact today.

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