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A time when I have experienced violence in my life is when a couple of young teens in my neighborhood started fighting each other due to rivalry. The violence affects people around here because of their children. They fear that their children would join in on the violence. Violence happens around my neighborhood all the time and it needs to be stopped so that the neighborhood can be a safer place.

Due to this violence among those teens, I am scared to go outside. I saw some other teens gathered around. They were watching two people fight and were videotaping it. I knew they were going to post it up on a social media. As a result, this affected me because I wished they saw how they acted and how they could change their lives. I kept thinking about them and how I could change violence. Violence has affected my life ever since my cousin got killed in a fight. Because of that tragedy, my parents try to make me stay away from causing trouble.

The causes that lead to youth violence are because of poor behavioral control. The kids do not listen to their parents. Moreover, their parents are either single parents or divorced, so that makes it harder for their child to listen. The children go wherever they want and do not have any religious beliefs. There are more causes that lead to youth violence because of problems involving them in their neighborhood, domestic violence, gangs, and many more. They might have problems with others in their neighborhoods. There might be domestic violence that affects youths to show violence anywhere they go.

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What people can do to reduce violence in their homes, schools, and neighborhoods is to make it safer. The people around the neighborhood can advise and warn their children not to commit crimes or hurt others so that they would not get hurt. Violence is not always about hurting someone or being in a gang or killing. Children that are in preschool can be taught to grow up not to be violent.

To fix youth violence banners or advertisements must be put up about violence and what a youth's future would look like if he turned to violence. Violence on the internet can also be stopped by advertisements and page pop-ups. Violence can also be stopped by giving enough care and attention to youths that do not have both parents. Violence can be fixed by increasing the education around and decreasing the rates of gangs. Summer programs also allow violence to decrease. Summer programs will make youths very busy during the summer so that they would not be tempted to turn to violence.

There can be an activity made up by the police to show youths how a day or a week in prison is like. This activity should help youths become active so they do not have to end up in jail. This activity would also help youths turn away from gangs and violence.