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## Do the Right Thing Essay

Violence has affected my life back in 2010 where I was shot in my right leg from a drive by. It was a sunny day on June,4 ,2010 I was just coming home from school. I was glad I didn't have homework because I had a substitute. My dad came to pick me up from my bus stop. Then we walked home and saw my mom sitting on the steps waiting for us. My mom, dad and i were playing hopscotch and then I seen it. A yellow motor scooter rode my apartment building and let off 4 shots pop, pop, pop, pop. My mom ran inside the house while my dad and i ran in a lot next to my house. When I was walking back in my house with my dad I realized I was shot. My mom said "are you guys ok". My dad said sadly "no mama has been shot". I looked at my mom she had a sad but shook look on her face. As I was in the house sitting on the floor waiting for the ambulance. My sister was screaming and praying. When the ambulance came she has my blood on her hands and she rode in the ambulance with me. That is how violence affects my life in a huge way.

I believe young kids growing up without families or families that don't show them love causes youth violence. When young kids join gangs they are looking for love and support that they're families aren't giving them. The top person of the gang lowers them in by usually telling them where all family or some psychotic crap like that. Young kids who live without parents or live with parents that don't show any type of affection join gangs. In my opinion youth who don't the type of love and comfort they need tend to join gangs.

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Honestly if I could start a youth violence organization I would. I would start a program like every Tuesday of each month for like 6 months. As the organizations get more people we all would share how violence affects our lives. We would have refreshments and dinner plus if we have kids that don't have places to live. We will give them a place to sleep where we had our meeting at. Before the program fully starts you have to pledge that you will come every Tuesday for the next 6 months. At the end of each month we would give you \$150.00 to support you till the next time you get paid from us again. That would be something I could do to fix youth violence in our community.