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I mean I'm sure I would have been a good mom, but I feel like with the program, I was a better mom because I wasn't as intimidated by having to care for this new life that depends on me. I got more information than I ever would have found on my own. They came to your house. You set the time that you want them to come to your house. They're very flexible, understanding of anytime you're sick and don't really feel like it, they'll reschedule with you.

While I was working I had health insurance, but things changed when I did get pregnant and everything because I wasn't working, so insurance kind of lapped a little bit. At first, I wasn't too worried about it, but when I had the baby, I was "uh oh, he needs insurance" so it was good that Medicaid kicked in. So they covered him I think the first month after.

Afterwards, it was a little tricky because he was covered and I wasn't covered, so that meant I needed to get to work, but I was in school, so I couldn't. I know it's going to be expensive I think for myself. I think they were saying each check is between three and five hundred dollars, so I'm sure adding a dependent is going to be even higher. So the monthly fees, meeting the deductibles, and if your doctor is in-network, so switching physicians when you have to lay down the whole history, develop that relationship, trust. And it's a lot.

One thing with my pregnancy and even after, I got kind of in like a depressive state, and luckily I still had a nurse that went with me. Like they had walks, and you could come and meet the moms and bring their kids, or if the kids aren't coming, you come by yourself, and it was a way for me to get up, get out of the house, and meet new moms, talk to the people who were experiencing the same thing so that you're not going crazy or sulking.

I mean I was an adult, but they actually nurtured me into a mother and being prepared for this little blessing that I have now.