

AVID: How It Is Impacting My Life

My family is half-Colombian and half-Puerto Rican. Some say that Hispanic families are crazy; it can be true for some families but not all. I can say my family is crazy. Yes, we can get along sometimes and we can be there for each other, but we get into so much trouble so often. For example, about two years ago my brother Victor had gotten tased 6 times by the cops for throwing chairs in school. After that, everyone knew me as the sister of the brother who got tased. It continued even when I came to the high school. It was hard because it just kept reminding me that he might go to jail on his birthday. I had to start anew. I didn't want to be known as a troublemaker or the troublemaker's sister. It was around this time when Ms. Macchio talked to me about how AVID can support me and help me become a better person.

AVID is like a family that I really don't have. They're always there for me when I need help. They give me courage, and the support I need to keep moving forward. For example, in the beginning of the school year I was doing really bad, I had bad grades, and I felt that I was just going to lose my concentration in school, but there was the AVID program by my side and it helped me through the right way.

AVID has helped me by working through the subjects that I have problems with, like World Themes. It is a hard subject for me. It always has been, and with the help of AVID we now have tutors to come and help us two times a cycle; and no other classes really have that. Although my family goes through a lot of difficult times I have found another family to be there to support me.

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