

My Story: Nicole

The story is very familiar. I had heard it before, but what differentiated it this time, it was now my story. I was a 21 year old college student with a million dreams, planning to have a career in agronomy, and ended up getting pregnant. I had read an ad for FirstChoice Clinic in the local college newspaper and made an appointment to have a pregnancy test. Although I expected it, when the nurse confirmed that the test was positive and I really was pregnant, I thought that my entire world was falling in on me. I remember crying so hard; this news was the farthest thing that I wanted to hear! The nurse asked me what I was going to do and at that time, I didn't have a clue. She gave me lots of information on raising a child/infant, adoption options, abortion; answering many questions. She also asked me how I planned to tell my parents and if the baby's dad was still in the picture. To be honest, I didn't know how to tell my parents or my boyfriend. How do you begin to share the most shocking news you've ever heard? She managed to calm me down and assured me that everything would work out. She was right, everything did work out. My parents took the news really well and were excited at the thought of becoming grandparents. The baby's father Darren, was stunned, but took it well, too! After much thought, Darren and I decided to keep the baby. On June 24, 2006 we had a beautiful baby girl, naming her Emmery Paige. Our families have given us lots of support through these months of change. Darren and I are still going to college and this December, Emmery, our Christmas Cherub will be 6 months old.

I would like to say thank you to everyone at FirstChoice Clinic. Emmery is here today much in part to the caring, encouraging words I heard early in my pregnancy while at FirstChoice Clinic. I cannot thank you enough for all of the kindness and support we received during this time. Thank you also for the program options that you had recommended such as Earn While You Learn. Keep up the amazing work you do for so many people. My sincere thanks for everything you have done for my family.