

Shantei Sam's

## How I got to Choco's

How I got to Choco's, I was at Inglewood high school. Didn't like the teachers classes on nothing but I guess you could say I never gave the school a chance. I ~~was~~ had already be out of school for a lot of time and I missed my old school Pasadena high school. I had been Inglewood for only about 2 or 3 days and I hated it and also I was 4 months pregnant and these teachers were wanting me to carry heavy books and there were no locker at the school. I really thought what kind of shit is that. No locks really. I talk to my cashier and told her about my baby and she offered me to a pregnant school. So I thought maybe this would help. I went down to there school and talk to teachers they seemed alright at first. I joined there school I was there for about a month and I just stop going nothing was making me happy or helping me try to finish high school. A lot of people told me about different schools and a friend of mine told me about Choco's. I told her

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# My Story to Chyc's

How I had been to party's there and how I didn't know it was a school. I always walk by and seen teen out side but I never new why or any thing about the school. At times I would be very nervous to walk by because I was pregnant and I felt very Embressed. I wanted to know more about the school I had been out of school for almost a year now and my baby was soon to come I also had ture 18 teen so I could get back in to a public school. So for months I just see at home or did nothing. I wanted to get back in school but I had no help or support. All I had was negative in my ear telling me I wasn't going to be nothing by my own family members. I want to prove them wrong but also set good standers for me and my baby who was not yet in my life but in my belly. They told me by having my son it would hold me back but in my heart I feel like he pushed me forward because only good comes out of him he made me happier. I was a sad

and depressed girl who had  
just came out of the foster  
care system and grows homes  
I meet a cool boy who became  
my boyfriend. Who some day  
I wish him to be my husband.  
I finally had my son and  
ones he started to get older  
I really wanted to make him  
proud and provide for him  
So I asked my friend about  
choirs again. She told me  
all about the school and the  
creds and ~~the~~ stuff. So I decided  
to walk up to the school they  
gave me a package and told me  
to come to orientation. I was  
late to orientation but I take  
to a stall at the desk and she  
told me she was glad I came  
I had everything I needed to  
get in the school. She told me  
about what kind of school it  
was and the events that we  
sometimes do and she told  
me about some of the students  
and how I would have fun and  
now she could see me at the  
school. I told her I was shy  
and she said that the school  
would help me with that because  
the students were really cool.

My first day was like any others teen first day every body was nice and friendly just like Crystal said. I enjoyed it bring my son and being able to have him with me I meet lots of new friends and so did I I love going to Chou's every day learning and meeting new people they been helping me with alot with my son and all. People tell me it used to be better back then but I'm just glad I'm here now doing what I got to do to help my son and I love waking up in the morning having some were to go and know that it's been it's me and my son. Just being at Chou's for 5 month's helped me be brave and made me want to take back my dreams that I used to have. I'm glad my journey at Chou's is not over. I also made a great friend not just one but this friend stick out because of the past week Lynnard Baker he made my days at Chou's very fun and funny I'm really going to miss him it's only been 5 month's but his charm grow on me he was great with my son and I will never

for get him. RIP Lynnard ♡