## Success in Review

### *Alana's Story*

Like so many of the children whose cases FFCR reviews, Alana came into care under tragic circumstances. Alana's older sister physically abused her while their mother was hospitalized. The sister, claiming that Alana was ungovernable, declared that she no longer wanted to care for her. Alana entered care, and he mother died soon after. Sadly, Alana's sister failed to participate in therapy services to work through the issues that had brought Alana into care in the first place.

During a Citizen Review Panel (CRP) hearing in early 2014, Alana revealed that she had a substance abuse problem and wanted help. The panel recommended that Alana be referred to substance abuse treatment.

At the next review five months later, Alana reported that she was referred for treatment and that the treatment had saved her life. She said it helped her understand how using drugs would not allow her to achieve her dreams. Alana reported that she was taking classes to try to graduate on time, and that she was performing better in school.