

T3 program testimony before the house committee by Isaac gorskikh.
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First of all, thank you for providing me with the opportunity to give my testimony today. My name is Isaac Gorskikh and I am one of the students involved with *Training Teens For The Tomorrow* through *The Boys and Girls Club* and Lebanon community schools. The reason I came to Oregon was because I transferred from school to school going from Washington to Arizona where I lived after my parents separated, and I had to live with my dad. I was from a small town where I knew everyone and everyone knew me and my family. Moving to a place where I didn't know anyone was stressful and the environment I was put into caused me to not do very well. I got in school fights and didn't have good grades. When I returned, I was sent to go live with my sister in Lebanon. I was way behind in school and did not have many credits. I would have had to graduate 2 years late. Not having many options, I came to the program seeking to get my GED. I was set on a program (Edmentum) that prepared me in getting ready to take my GED test. This worked great for me because I could work at my own speed in a great environment and was always helped when need.

The T3 program was more than just a program where I can get my GED they also helped me find a job working for *Habitat for Humanity* through an unpaid short term internship where I now have a great references from. In the club, we went over all life skills, made resumes, and had mock interviews. They had the military and other speakers come talk about career options. we got our certifications in such areas like CPR/First Aid, Industry safety, and food handlers card. They also help kids get their Oregon ID or license. Also, we toured colleges and made career plans.

The T3 program was a very big help for me and it was the first step for me to succeed in my career. It did not just allow me to get my GED, but helped me set goals and plan my career. My future plans are to go to college and have a career in law enforcement. Furthermore, the T3 program provided me with an opportunity of career training and development.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Isaac Gorskikh