

BROKEN PLACES
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daniella 2018

Daniella Rin Hover in Harlem in 2018

- Daniella walks to a fitness and nutrition class she teaches in Harlem.

daniella & veasna 2002

Daniella and Veasna Rin Hover at a group home with their son in 2002

- Daniella and her boyfriend, Veasna, struggle to leave the foster care system and support their infant son.

daniella & skye 2018

Daniella Rin Hover and her 12-year old daughter, Skye, on the stoop of their apartment building in the Bronx in 2018

- After separating from her abusive husband, Daniella is raising her 12-year daughter, Skye.

daniella & elijah 2002

Daniella Rin Hover with her son, Elijah, on their way to Family Court in 2002

- After being severely abused by her father, Daniella had her first child while she was in foster care.

danny & raymond 2018

Danny and Raymond Jacob in 2018

- 20 years after they were abandoned by their mother, Danny and Raymond Jacob still support each other through tough times.

danny & raymond 1997

Danny and Raymond Jacob in 1997

- Danny and Raymond discovered that the basketball court offered a place to escape from the stress they faced at home after their mother abandoned them when she became addicted to drugs.

danny & raymond basketball 2018

Danny and Raymond Jacob on the basketball court in 2018

- 20 years after they were abandoned by their mother, Danny and Raymond work together, coaching a basketball league for at-risk youth.

danny 1997

Danny Jacob in 1997

- Danny Jacob shares his story of being abandoned by his mother when she became addicted to crack cocaine.

bobby gross 2018

Bobby Gross in 2018

- Bobby Gross spent his teenage years in and out of mental institutions and his twenties in and out of prison. At age 35, Bobby's sole source of support is social security disability.

bobby gross 1989

Bobby Gross in Roxbury, Massachusetts in 1989

- 5-year Bobby Gross grew up in extreme poverty and began showing signs of aggressive anti-social behavior at home and in school.

bobby & yvonne 2018

Yvonne and Bobby Gross in 2018

- 30 years after we filmed Bobby struggling with learning and behavior problems in kindergarten, we caught up with him and his mother, Yvonne, at their home in Charlotte.

bobby & yvonne 1989

Yvonne Gross and her 5 young children in Roxbury Massachusetts in 1989

- Yvonne Gross struggles to raise her 5 children in one of the poorest and most dangerous neighborhoods of Boston.

testing babies

New tests being developed to detect signs of “toxic stress” in young child

- An EEG test is one of many ways that pediatricians are beginning to screen for what experts call "toxic stress" or excessive stress activation.