



(Left) Congratulations to Vineland High School Class of 2020 graduate Amy Victoria!



Amy with her child and diploma

PCA-NJ Success Story: Amy Victoria

In June 2020, Amy Victoria graduated from Vineland High School. Amy was an active participant in Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey's Parent Linking Program (PLP). PLP was created in 1980 to provide support to pregnant/parenting teens so they remain in high school, graduate on time, and pursue continuing education. Students also receive parenting education - learning about developmental milestones of children, positive parenting, co-parenting, balancing the demands of being a student and parenthood, and becoming a nurturing parent. With PCA-NJ's support, Amy not only graduated but was awarded a higher education book scholarship and the Diane Dellanno Scholarship, which recognizes one student annually who has achieved positive academic and personal success while in PLP and has been accepted into a higher education program in a helping field. It is named in honor of Diane Dellanno, an outstanding Licensed Clinical Social Worker. We are proud of Amy and wish her continued success as she embarks on her college career at Rowan College of South Jersey.

PS - nationally, pregnant/parenting teens drop out of school at a 60% rate. However, PCA-NJ's Parent Linking Program students have a 90% graduation rate!