When Tamika was arrested and charged with assault, her world came crashing down. “How did I get here,” she asked herself, “and what am I going to do now? What about my kids?”

Tamika had found herself in an abusive relationship. Worse, that abuse had gone public. She was on the street with her armed abuser when he started a loud and violent argument. When a passerby got hurt in an attempt to intervene, Tamika and her abuser were arrested for assault. “I’m not a violent person,” she recalls, but in a terrifying and heated moment she had defended herself and, as a result, her circumstances were about to get even worse. Tamika was facing jail time, the loss of her children, and an overwhelming legal process.

Luckily, in court, Tamika was introduced to WPA and the opportunity to participate in WPA’s groundbreaking alternative to incarceration program, JusticeHome. This is a unique, community-based program designed specifically for women facing felony charges and at least six months of incarceration. For Tamika, JusticeHome meant keeping her children, leaving an abusive relationship behind her, and learning to believe that many new and positive possibilities awaited her. Today, Tamika lives at home with her children, she’s in school, and she believes that she can achieve great things for herself and her family.

WPA is the first place for a woman to receive a second chance and to believe that she deserves it.

“’It has changed my life eternally. I’m thankful that there was a program like this to help women stay with their family.”