

A Reading on Columbus Girls Academy (Teen Challenge) in Columbus, GA/Seale, AL  
Guest Sermon by Kaci Cox, Guest Sermonizer for March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and beyond.....

Went to this Teen Challenge from June 2010 to August 2011. I was constantly disciplined for my behavior because of my anxiety and depression, and taken off my medication 6-8 weeks after arriving. My father was dying of cancer during this time and they denied me pass visits with him on numerous occasions. The "trusted" girls here will at times lie about other girls if they don't care for them. One "trusted" individual lied to a staff member about a food complaint I had allegedly made. This staff member frequently emotionally abused me through my time here and I was disciplined for any resistance towards this staff member so unfortunately, I was out of luck. The staff member, who was in her 30's by the way, and I say her age to make it clear she wasn't a young girl out of the program but a grown WOMAN who should have known better, was mentally unstable and arrested for attempted murder after leaving her job at CGA. My home pass was taken the day before I was supposed to leave, and I was deprived of yet more time with my father. I was able to leave the month after, however, he passed after a matter of weeks. Furthermore, I was placed on "skirt" for nearly 3 months - from around November to January and sick nearly the entire time. While on "skirt", I was permitted to only wear a skirt and flats except to sleep, and this does include during outside chores at 30 - 40°F. This place has A LOT of problems and if your child already has trauma and is taking medication, they will leave here with more problems. Keep your children on their medication and seek alternative options. Your child will also be treated incredibly differently if you receive a discount, and if they do not stand up in church and speak in tongues - it's night and day! Thankfully I'm back on medication and sober after years of fighting the demons Teen Challenge left me with. Teen Challenge will NOT help your child cope with their trauma etc; they will make things WORSE as this is a place of cruelty. Your child will leave here so unprepared for the outside world after the 15+ months they spend here, especially if they leave as an adult, it will make your head SPIN-OFF faster than you can ROLL TIDE. You'd be shocked to learn of the girls who take their lives after leaving the program and who overdose, despite their boastful claims of a 99% success rate. Prayer will not fix your child's chemical imbalance....please I'm begging with you, I'm pleading with you to find alternative faith-based (if you must) help.

[End of Guest Sermon. For more information, see <https://www.heal-online.org/tcga.htm> . COPE offers thanks to Kaci Cox for the guest sermon.]

For those interested in starting #TaoFu Self-Defense Exercises, please see <https://www.cope.church/taofu.htm> and begin at any time.

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 KJV Willful blindness is an abomination.

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