

RCP's Path to Expungement Peer Mentoring Program

Quotes from Clients

Note: For confidentiality purposes, we do not disclose the names or other identifiable information of those mentioned in success stories.

“Every time I reached out, she was there”: My mentor helped me more than I could have imagined. She made sure I had all essential needs such as work clothes, shoes, food, and even a bus pass. That took a huge weight off my shoulders. Every time I reached out, she was there. [This] program truly supports you from the ground up. [It] helps plant a good seed for a better future. It gave me the foundation I needed to start over.

Starting over: My mentor made it possible for me, an ex-lifer released after doing over 37 years in prison, to start again. He helped me find employment, housing, and even open my first bank account. The program supported me with essentials like food, clothing, and transportation. My mentor was incredible, and the life I have now is because of him and this program. I'm truly grateful.

Restoring humanity: They have resources that enable men and women like myself to realize we matter and can make a positive difference to our communities that will last a lifetime. They helped me restore my humanity. Thanks to their support, I am now an active and willing unwavering member of positive change for my community

Confidence to push forward: When I was released, I had nothing. My mentor provided me with things like a bus pass, clothing, groceries, a bike, and more. That support really gave me the confidence to keep pushing forward.

Life-changing guidance: My mentor was great, he truly understood where I was coming from. I am now financially stable... This growth wouldn't have been possible without my mentor's guidance. This program changed my life.

“His faith and encouragement kept me going”: After serving 27 years in prison, I was lost. But my mentor guided me in the right direction with positive advice, and different ways to find occupation. He also referred me to the computer course, where I graduated and received a laptop that made my job search easier.

On days when things felt overwhelming, I called my mentor, and he answered, even on his days off. That kind of support helped me mentally and emotionally. His faith and encouragement kept me going. I truly appreciate everything he and the staff did for me. My utmost love and respect to the whole staff there. Thank you!

Hope: The [RCP] didn't just offer help with the practical aspects of life; they gave me something even more important: hope. I love this program because they believe in second chances, and

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because of their unwavering support, I no longer feel stressed or uncertain about my future. Instead, I feel empowered and ready to continue building a successful and fulfilling life.