



## **Pre-Arrest Diversion**

**Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Outcomes**

# INTRODUCTION



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# Admiral & Mary Winnefeld, SAFE Project Founders



*“Every morning we wake up, thinking ‘How are we going to save another family from going through this?’”*

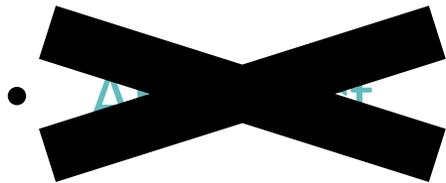
# SAFE's Six Lines of Operation



# The Story “Beyond The Story”

# What do you want to be when you grow up?

- A doctor
- A lawyer
- A CEO





3 DAYS OLD

Name BRANDEE Michelle Roloff  
Born at St. Agnes Hospital  
On February 25, 1977 Time 11:41 A.M.  
Weight 7 Lbs. 9 1/2 Ounces Length 19 3/4  
Parents Diane & Mark Roloff

*Rettberg Bros*







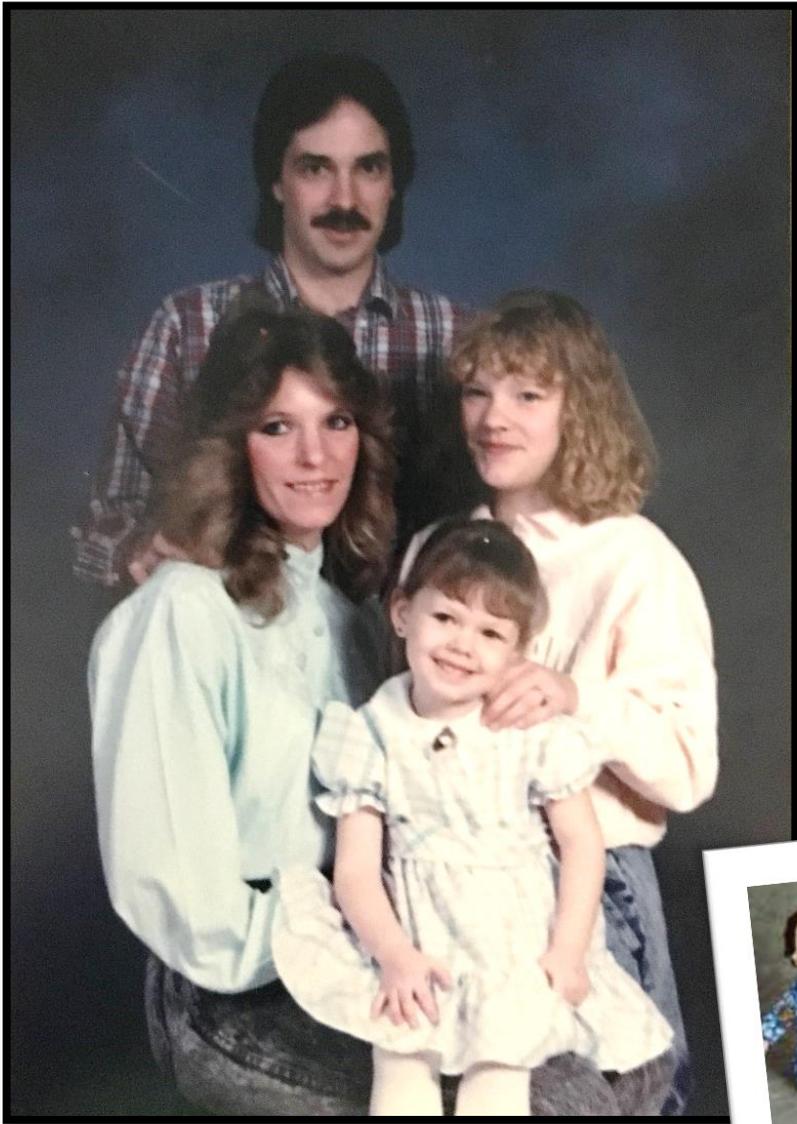
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**UNLOVED**



# TRAUMA

# SHAME

# ANXIETY





**GUILTY**

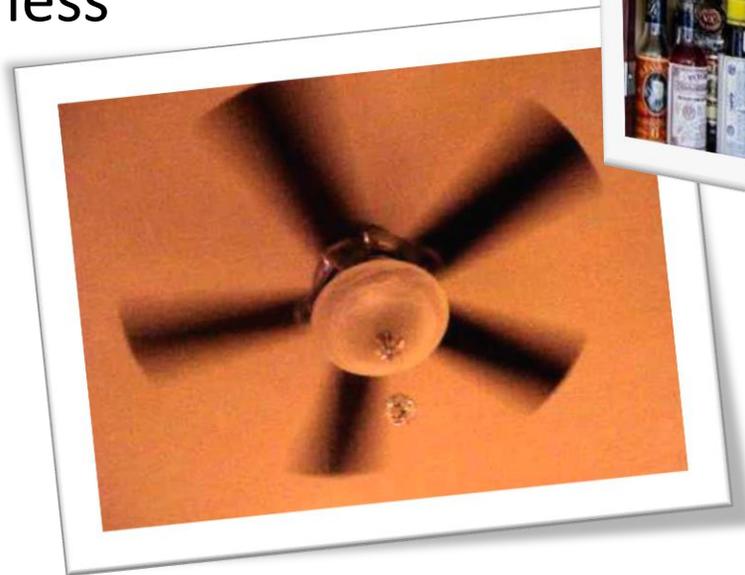
**DIRTY**

# FEELINGS...EMOTIONS...UNDIAGNOSED

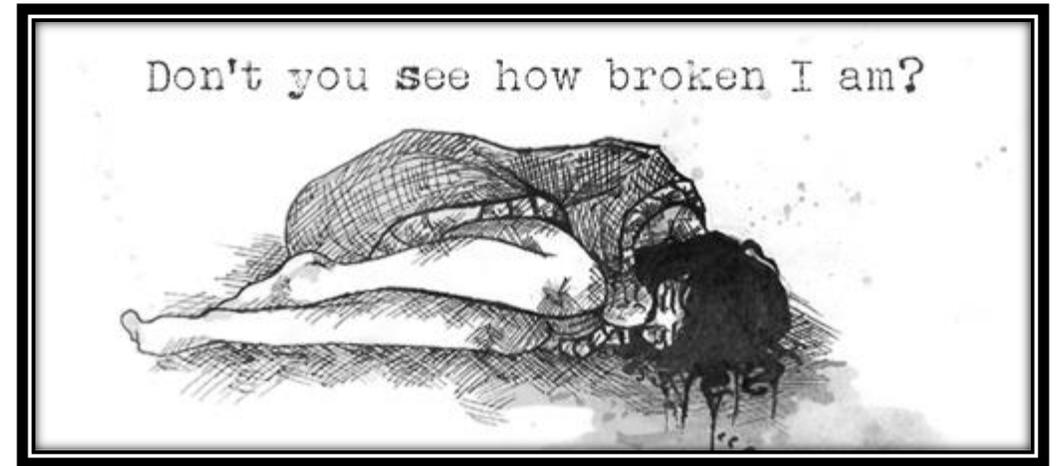
ABANDONED  
GUILTY  
ALONE  
DIRTY  
TRAUMA  
SHAME  
UNLOVED  
DIFFERENT  
ANXIETY  
DEPRESSED

## I picked up my first drink...

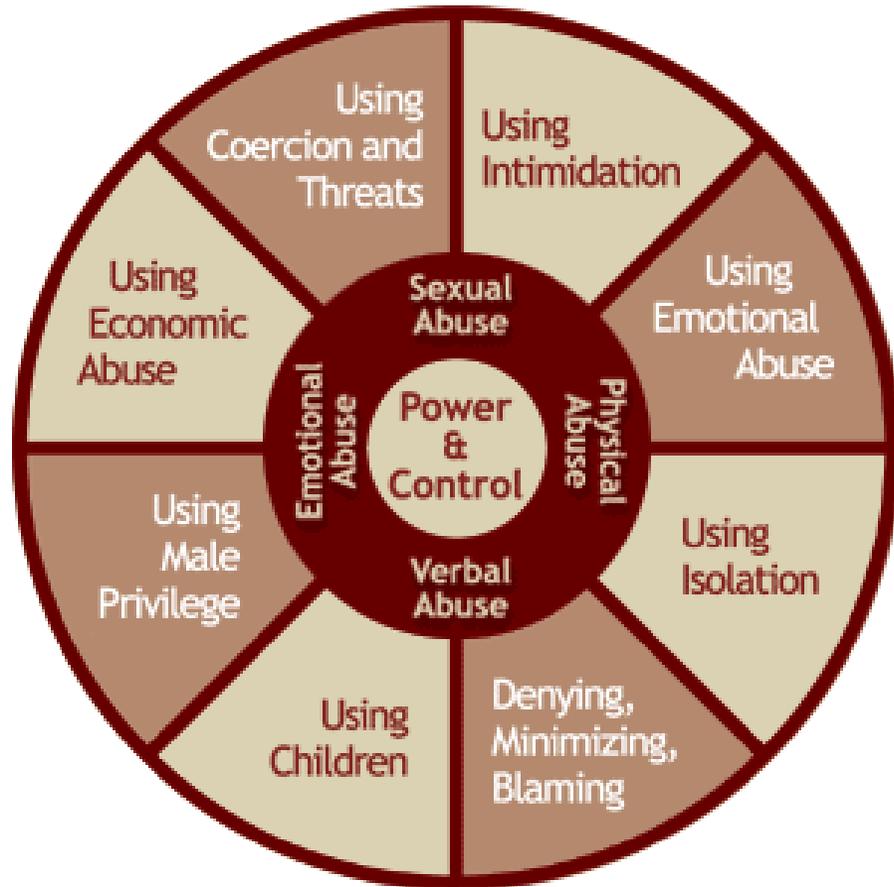
- At the age of 11
- Every feeling and emotion disappeared
- I became numb and fearless



Addiction was slowly progressing

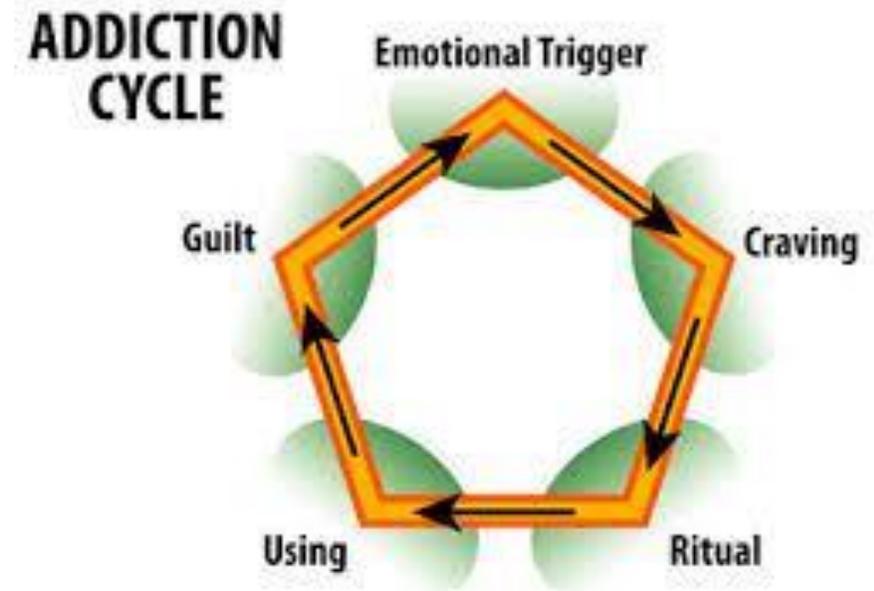


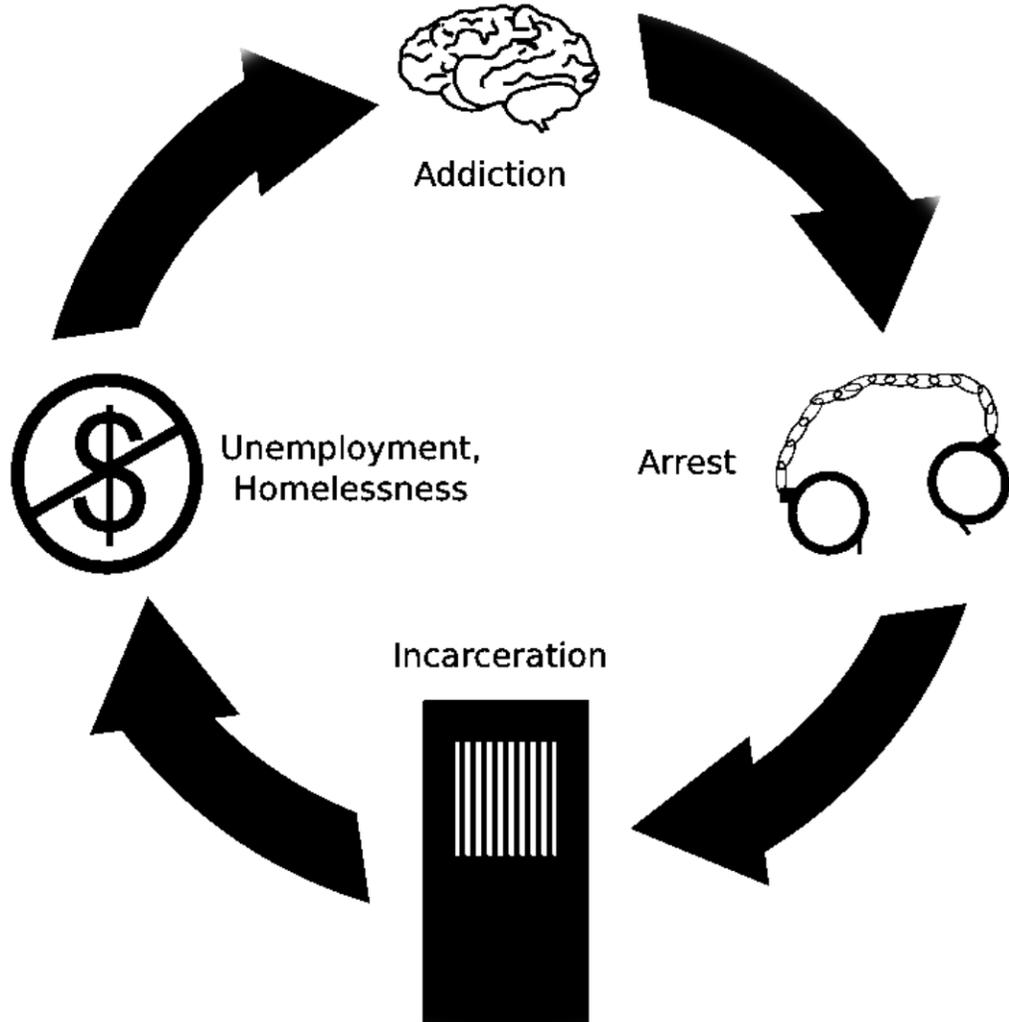
# The Cycle Continued...



# My **NEVERS** became **FOREVERS**

- I will never drink
- I will never use “hard drugs”
- I will never go to jail





July 2009



June 2010

# 2010-2011 and already on Probation

- JULY
  - DEA searched and seized my home (Drug Charges)
  - Child Protective Services removed my children
  - My husband was granted the home and I found myself homeless
  
- NOVEMBER
  - A warrant was put out for my arrest (5 Felonies)
  
- FEBRUARY
  - Arrested in Carroll County, Maryland
  - Re-arrested for probation violation in Adams County, Pennsylvania
  - Facing 11 years in Maryland (Drug Charges)
  - 1-1/2 to 4 years in Pennsylvania with 7 years back up time

# Let's pause for a moment and think about this...

- Childhood Trauma
- Domestic Violence
- Lack of Trust in Law Enforcement
- Felonies already in place
  - Indirect charges as a result of the disease of addiction

# What we know about Pre-Arrest Diversion efforts

- Locking people up for drug related crimes fails to reduce or prevent substance use disorders, becoming the catalyst for pre-arrest diversion program development
- Directing people to a range of coordinated health and social services is effective in achieving healthier lives and reducing the likelihood of recidivism
- Meaningful engagement builds trust, reduces costs, and enhances the likelihood of success for both the program and the participants

- Data has shown that the best use of police resources is to help people struggling with opioid addiction get into evidence-based treatment, rather than putting them into jail.
- This is true from a public health standpoint as well as a public safety standpoint.
- If the goal is to reduce opioid-related deaths, then treatment is the best option.
- If the goal is to reduce the number of people breaking the law because they're dealing with an addiction, then treatment is also the best option.
- There is a lot of rhetoric around the idea of not being able to arrest our way out of this problem and ensuring access to appropriate treatment is a way to operationalize this rhetoric.
- It truly benefits everyone.

— Corey Davis, Deputy Director, Network for Public Health Law



# Following that lead...



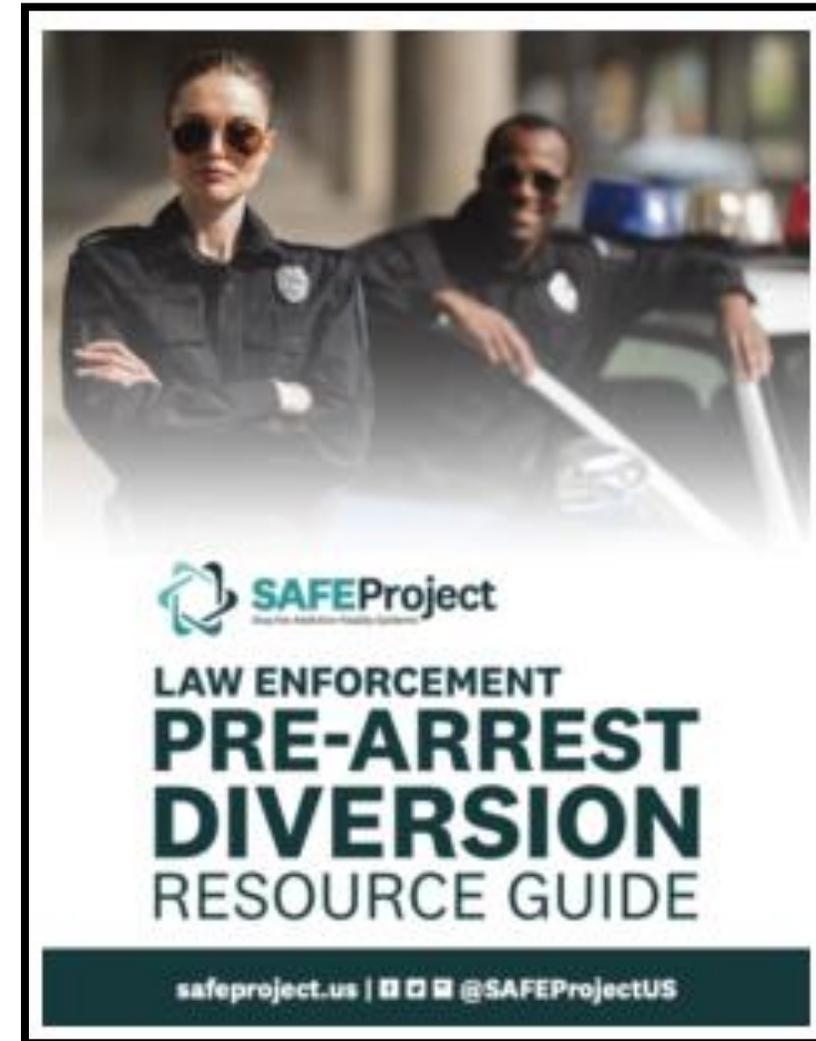
*Understand the nuances associated with pre-arrest diversion implementation.*

## Not a “one size fits all” approach

- Population
- Stakeholder interests
- Funding streams

## *Our Pre-Arrest Diversion Resource Guide contains four primary components:*

- **Business Case:** Learn why Pre-Arrest Diversion is an effective approach to combating the addiction epidemic.
- **Overview:** See an outline of the five distinct pathways or approaches for Pre-Arrest Diversion.
- **Case Studies:** Take a look at some of the most innovative and successful programs utilizing these five pathways.
- **Additional background, resources and contact information** for law enforcement agencies who are successfully running PAD programs.



# Moving “beyond the story”, SAFE Project dedicates itself to:



- Building relationships with stakeholders in each of these areas
- Building relationships with the individuals being served (their experiences are our guide)
- Utilizing collaborate efforts to identify funding streams tailored to innovative concepts



- Cost sharing (remember the “what’s in it for me” factor)
- Philanthropic opportunities
- Private opportunities
- Health institutions
- Universities (Research)
- Grant funding efforts that may not shout “pre-arrest diversion”



## Let's continue with the story "beyond the story" ...

- Childhood Trauma, Domestic Violence, Lack of Trust in Law Enforcement
- Felonies already in place prior to 2011 DEA visit

## What we know about Pre-Arrest Diversion efforts

- Locking people up for drug related crimes fails to reduce or prevent substance use disorder...



3/20/2004	CO94877	Carroll County District Court	Defendant	Suspended License	Closed
My insurance lapsed and my license was suspended.					
5/11/2005	CP-01-MD-0000161-2005	Court of Common Pleas of Adams County	Defendant	Fugitive from Justice	Released to report to Carroll County, MD
I failed to turn in my tags for Maryland when I moved to Pennsylvania. Crossing state lines for work, Pennsylvania charged me as a fugitive of justice, arresting me at my home and released me so that I could report to Carroll County, MD to rectify this issue.					
2/3/2006	CP-01-CR-0000122-2006	Court of Common Pleas of Adams County	Defendant	Altered tags and license	ARD (Probation before judgement), IPP (Probation)-Closed
In 2005, I was in a marriage that was riddled with domestic violence. During this time, I was working, in active addiction, and did not get my tags and license renewed. I did not want to miss work; I made a horrible decision and used a sharpie marker on my tags and license which were expired. I was given probation before judgement and due to lack of restitution payment in Case CP-01-MD-0000408-2011, I pled guilty and was given probation after judgement.					
12/11/2006	080400387732006	Towson District Court	Defendant	Judgement	Satisfied
My ex-husband changed his W2's and we owed the IRS, we sought an attorney and fell behind on payments.					
3/25/2008	080400103752008	Towson District Court	Defendant	Judgement	Dismissed
This was a medical bill that I was unable to pay.					
6/25/2008	03C08006817	Carroll County Circuit Court	Plaintiff	Child Support	Lack of prosecution
I was the plaintiff in this case filing against my ex-husband.					
7/15/2009	5500046499	Carroll County District Court	Defendant	Assault-2nd degree	Nolle prosequi
Domestic Violence from staying in an relationship which I was verbally, physically, emotionally, and financially abused. Each time my ex-husband went after my children, I fought back. It wasn't the right way to handle the situation; at the time it was all I knew. I have since, parted from that marriage.					
8/17/2009	6500046843	Carroll County District Court	Plaintiff	Assault-2nd degree	Nolle prosequi
I was the plaintiff in this case filing against my ex-husband.					
8/21/2009	06C09054319	Carroll County Circuit Court	Plaintiff	Custody/Child Support/Protective Order	Closed/Inactive
Filed a protective order on my ex-husband, which was ordered because of the domestic violence. I was attempting to leave the marriage.					
10/26/2009	06C09054875	Carroll County Circuit Court	Defendant	Exparte	Order-Closed
This was related to domestic violence from staying in an relationship which I was verbally, physically, emotionally, and financially abused. Each time my ex-husband went after my children, I fought back. It wasn't the right way to handle the situation; at the time it was all I knew. I have since, parted from that marriage.					
6/23/2010	3500049255	Carroll County District Court	Defendant	Fugitive from Justice	Nolle prosequi
I moved back to Maryland and I had a warrant that I was unaware of in Pennsylvania for failure to pay fines in case CP-01-CR-0000122-2006, I was released and immediately turned myself into Pennsylvania to rectify the issue.					
7/22/2010	06C10057142	Carroll County Circuit Court	Defendant	Exparte	Order-Closed
This was related to domestic violence from staying in an relationship which I was verbally, physically, emotionally, and financially abused. Each time my ex-husband went after my children, I fought back. It wasn't the right way to handle the situation; at the time it was all I knew. I have since, parted from that marriage.					
7/23/2010	5500049705	Carroll County District Court	Plaintiff	Violation Exparte	Not guilty
I was the plaintiff in this case filing against my ex-husband after he filed an Exparte the day prior and violated it by contacting me.					
11/15/2010	4500050740	Carroll County District Court	Defendant	Forward to Circuit Court	
This was an extension of case 06K11041384					
4/14/2011	CP-01-MD-0000408-2011	Court of Common Pleas of Adams County	Defendant	Contempt Fail to pay fines in CP-01-CR-0000122-2006	Penalty Imposed-Closed
I was unable to pay restitution because I was in the process of ending my marriage and my ex-husband locked all the bank accounts. I was also in active addiction and rather than handling this situation, I ignored it. It was not the right way to handle this and I have since paid all restitution.					
4/29/2011	06K11041384	Carroll County Circuit Court	Defendant	Conspire to manufacture, possession, paraphernalia, Comm Nuis/Distrib- Conspire to manufacture: not guilty with statement of facts, possession, paraphernalia, comm nuis: Nolle prosequi CDS	
I was caught up in the grips of addiction. I was unable to afford the cost incurred through my addiction and I tried to grow marijuana plants.					



# Drug related crimes

**How do we know?** 2004 – 2011 there were signs

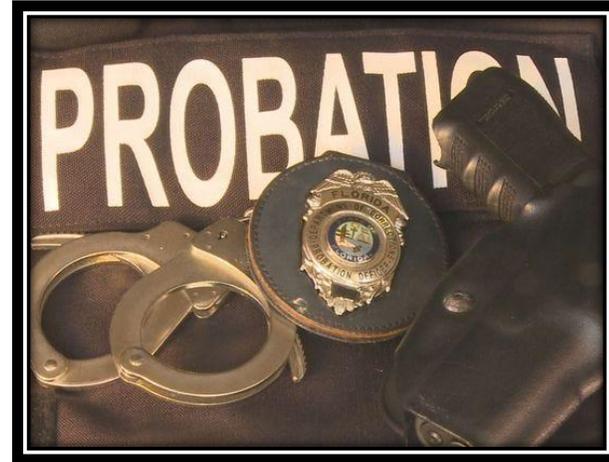
- Suspended license
- Fugitive from justice
- Altered tags and license
- Child support (plaintiff)
- Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> degree (plaintiff & defendant)
- Child support/custody/protective order (plaintiff)
- Exparte (defendant)
- Violation of Exparte (plaintiff)
- Contempt failure to pay fines
- **Conspire to manufacture, possession, paraphernalia, Comm Nuis/Distrib-CDS**



We cannot wait until we get here...

# Let's start asking the question...

What happened to you?



Believed in me when  
I did not  
believe in myself

Each and everyone of you can change the trajectory of someone's life...



# The Journey Began...

- **March 11, 2011**

- First day without a drink or a drug

Learned that addiction is a disease  
Recovery is possible

# Addiction is a disease...NOT a moral failing

- I am NOT alone

It was time for me to step up and step out!

tell the  
**STORY**

**CHANGE**  
THE WORLD

SHE FELT THAT IF YOU  
EDUCATED A WOMAN,  
YOU EDUCATED A  
FAMILY.



# Removing the Mask

- Began to heal from the shame
- Shifted away from stigma
- Found a life of purpose





Associate's Degree  
May 2015



Bachelor's Degree  
May 2016

Master's Degree  
December 2017



Spring of 2018, began my journey as a Doctoral Student

## **Professional Path:**

- Peer Recovery Specialist, Carroll County Maryland
- Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, Behavioral Health Administration
- Associate Director-Special Populations, Behavioral Health System Baltimore
- Director of Advocacy and Outreach, Faces & Voices of Recovery
- Executive Director, SAFE Project

## **Board Positions:**

- Peer Chair, International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium
- President, Maryland Addiction and Behavioral-health Professionals Certification Board



# My Life Purpose...

- To save a life
- To guide and support
- To bring hope to others
- To empower people like me
- To carry the message...We CAN and DO Recover!

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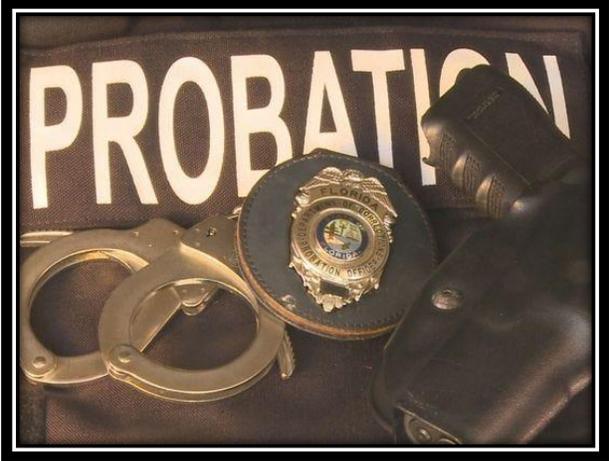


We can no longer remain siloed. We must raise the bar, think outside of the box, and find innovative ways to work together!

# What do you want to be when you grow up?



Just like Adam Smith was the light for me





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