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Hi, my name is Letisha. I am 42 years old. I have almost 9 years clean and sober! I recently earned my substance abuse counseling certification! I work for a Gospel Mission here in Klamath Falls, I help moms just out of treatment or new in recovery who are working on getting their kids back from foster care. It's such a privilege because that used to be me!

This is the first real job I have ever had/held down! I used to be a criminal, a drug addict, a person who suffered complex trauma at a very young age and didn't learn to heal until age 35!

In that time I ruined my credit, I had no understanding of finances, no work ethic, and no real chance at anything! I had entirely ruined my life!

Once I started the hard work of learning how to live like a productive citizen no longer stuck in a poverty mindset draining the system, I didn't know where to turn. But then I found these amazing programs! I took a financial fitness course! I learned how to improve my credit score, to save money, to even invest in retirement!

My life has been changed tremendously by these programs! They didn't do the work for me, I had to do the hard work but these programs gave me the hand up that I needed to make the jump from stuck to self sufficient and allowed me the help I needed to not only be better and do better but to help countless people to do the same!

Without programs like these I see an increased amount of hard working individuals never get a chance to improve not only themselves but others!