

Success Stories



How could this happen? What have I done for something like this to happen to my child? He is the sweetest person that I know. He takes food from his own home to give to others who are hungry.

As my son became ill, I had no idea what was happening. I was totally confused. Finally, a neighbor told me they had observed him sitting on the porch talking to himself. When they asked him what he was doing, he answered.

“Your son told me to meet him here,” my son said to the neighbor.

“But our son has been living out of town for over a year now,” the neighbor told him.

I had no family that would support me or help me make decisions concerning his welfare. I felt trapped.

It was time to take action. I contacted every group, agency, and organization I could think of until I found my local mental health agency. Am I doing the right thing? What do I need to do? Should I do this? What are they going to do? What am I going to do . . .

Finally, we were able to sit down and have needed evaluations and checkups. As an adult, my son was in and out of hospitals for four years until I learned to be an advocate for him. He is now living in a group home. He loves it and does not argue about taking his meds. I now know that there are others with similar situations and we have a vested interest in the success of the Peer to Peer program.

I was selected for Peer to Peer training, and I would like to pursue helping others through it. I have since learned more about the appropriate services for other individuals. This program will help others immensely. I look forward to further using and implementing Peer to Peer.

Because of my training in Peer to Peer and the success of my situation, I have found I can help others. We have conquered a great portion of life and we did it together.

~Carnette Hudson

RECOVERY: A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.