

# Anastasia's Story

Dear Staff,

My name is Anastasia, and I wanted to let you know how the Community Corrections Center has changed my life. I am 24 years old and currently a student and full-time employee. I have accomplished a lot since leaving the Correction Center, and I couldn't have done it all without the things I learned and gained while in there.

When I was sent to the corrections center, I was revoked from my probation due to drug related charges. I was living out of my car, using on a daily basis, and committing crimes to help me get by on a day to day basis. I went to jail a couple of times, and having my freedom taken away from me was not something I had an easy time accepting. I tried to manipulate and beat the system to avoid this but this stopped once I entered the treatment dorm in the facility. This was the turning point in my life.

Once I started treatment, I doubted myself . In the beginning I was hoping to just fake it, but I couldn't fool the treatment facilitators. My counselor Lisa Nichols saw through me and was able to help me in ways I couldn't help myself. When I felt hopeless, my mentor Lydia Loftin had hope for me and this helped keep me going. I am forever grateful for these two ladies being there for me.

Since treatment, I appreciate my freedom more and have changed my life around completely. I work an honest program in Narcotics Anonymous and in my daily life with friends and family. I have not committed any new crimes nor have I used any drugs or alcohol since leaving the facility. The Corrections Center changed my life, and I believe if residents there could see the same for themselves, this place would be a lifesaver!

Sincerely,  
Anastasia