



There can be life after meth...

Teresa was a mother, Girl Scout leader, and part-time Web site developer. Her life took a sharp turn when she started using meth in a desperate attempt to lose weight. Before she knew it, her cravings for the drug consumed her. Teresa abandoned her family and followed her drug dealer to another state in constant search of the next high. Before long, she was suffering from paranoia, depression, and loneliness.

All that changed when her daughter, whom she had not seen for eight months, pleaded for her to come home for her fifth birthday. Teresa entered a treatment program and committed herself to beating her addiction. Today, she has been drug-free for four years and is a leader in local anti-meth efforts.

You've read the horror stories about the crimes related to the dangerous and illegal drug called methamphetamine, or "meth." It affects families, children, and loved ones. Fighting it takes a toll on local communities.

What you might not always read or hear is that drug addiction treatment works. The road to recovery isn't easy, and some say it never ends, but it starts when someone who cares gets involved. Sadly, most people with drug problems never get the treatment that could turn their lives around.

Do you know someone who may be using meth? If so, get involved and help them get back on track. Understand the consequences of meth use and learn how treatment can save a life. It's never too late to help.

For more information visit methresources.gov or call 800-662-HELP.
