

NARCONON VISTA BAY SUCCESS

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Saving Lives in our Community

**NARCONON STUDENTS
VERY OFTEN SHARE
THEIR STORIES SO
THAT OTHERS LIKE
THEM CAN WITNESS
AND EVENTUALLY
EXPERIENCE THE SAME
LIFE-CHANGING WINS
FROM THE INCREDIBLE
AND EMPOWERING
NARCONON PROGRAM**

**THE WORDS TO THE
RIGHT ARE THE WORDS
OF ACTUAL STUDENTS
AND GRADUATES OF
NARCONON PROGRAM,
WHO NOT LONG AGO
FELT HOPELESSLY
ADDICTED TO DRUGS
OR ALCOHOL.**

**If you are losing a loved one
to drugs or alcohol, please
call: [1-800-556-8885](tel:1-800-556-8885) and
find out more about the
Narconon® Program.**



When I came to Narconon I was in the darkest period of my life. I was deeply addicted to heroin, crack cocaine and meth. I was committing terrible and heartless crimes. In one year's time I went from owning my own home and doing well in life to being addicted to drugs and convicted of five felonies. I lost my home and found myself facing two to three years prison time.

After being bailed out of jail by my father, I promised I would get myself into a program. I looked at a few treatment centers in my area, but was told there was a three to six month waiting list for admission. I lost hope and was soon using drugs and committing crimes again to support my habit. Shortly after, I was arrested again and was convinced that I would spend the next years of my life in prison.

Thankfully, unbeknownst to me, my mother had been researching rehab options on my behalf. She said she had found the perfect place and asked if I would go. I said yes, although I did not think that rehab would do anything to lessen my legal problems, but at least I would be clean and sober and free from the terrible suffering that is being a drug addict. That was all I went into rehab expecting, but what I actually gained was so much more.

While going through the program my entire outlook on life changed. I was able to take responsibility for my actions and see how I could better control my future. I gained a respect for others, for work, and for happiness that I had never achieved before. The changes in me were truly miraculous.

When I went to my sentencing two days after completing the program the judge was visibly shocked by my progress. The judge could see that the changes in me were real, honest and that I was truly remorseful of my past actions. The judge was so impressed by my new attitude and outlook on life that he sentenced me to thirty -six months of probation instead of the thirty months of prison the District Attorney was asking for.

Since that day, I have been able to make a life for myself that I never dreamed possible. I have a wonderful relationship with my family, a gainful and rewarding job and a bright future ahead of me. Not long ago, my life was in shambles, but because of Narconon, everyday is a welcome opportunity to celebrate life.