

Incarcerated.

Interviewer: [REDACTED]

Interviewee: [REDACTED]

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Run Time: 41:36

I was 15.

I was being [REDACTED] abused.

I didn't know how to come out and say it. So, I just ran away, ended up signing myself with CAS when I was 16.

[REDACTED] (10 minutes [REDACTED])

I'm an addict myself.

a recovering alcoholic and a drug addict.

For me, getting out (of jail) and not having money in my pocket, not having a place to go, I resort to things...

Most people resort to what they know and what they're comfortable with. For me, whenever I have a bad day, I resort to drugs.

I've had to NARCAN my own brother.

I've NARCANed other people before. I lost count after 10. After a while it's just —

I just feel like it's like riding a bike.

I've ODeD probably about 7 times. And I've had to be NARCANed all 7 times.

I got kicked out [REDACTED] for that.

but if somebody ODs I don't think they should be punished.

[REDACTED] (20 minutes [REDACTED])

And when I got out

I go back to sleeping outside or breaking into places to sleep because I have nowhere to go.

Where are you sleeping these days?

Honestly wherever I can.

I usually just sleep in a park here, or at a friend's house.

Sometimes a stay at my aunt's. She lives in subsidised housing

I can't stay every day. She'll only let me stay maybe... out of a month maybe twice a month.

My stuff [REDACTED] get(s) stolen a lot of time.

I left one day, [REDACTED] I came back and my stuff was gone.

They took my tent and everything that was in my tent.

Did you get a letter or when they were coming out?

No, they just came.

[REDACTED] (30 minutes) [REDACTED]

There's only one for homeless shelter for youth. So, if you can't get in, you're fucked.

Where are you supposed to go? You can't go to the overflow shelter.

I went to the transitional housing

I just didn't like the way things were run.

I understand them not being able to sleep over, but you should be able to have somebody come over and play video games.

I wanted out of the program.

They didn't even try and talk me out of it.

did they help you find another place to live or?

No, because I was in the shelter.

[REDACTED] (40 minutes) [REDACTED]

a lot of the places when you call and you tell them that you're a young person looking for housing, tell that that you're homeless. They right away [snaps] assume "oh, this person is an alcoholic or a criminal."

They are technically not supposed to be allowed to

discriminate because you have a criminal record. But I get why some of them do.

If you have a long list of drug charges, living in all these places and selling drugs out of them, you are not going to want you to move in and have somebody selling drugs in their house.

but I believe everybody deserves a chance. Everybody deserves a chance

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Age 25
- Cis-man
- [REDACTED] Native [REDACTED]
- Straight/Heterosexual

[end].