

# FAITHWORKS!

## COMMUNITY COALITION, INC.

### FRANCIS COURT I & II

#### SUCCESS



2014  
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Francis Court II

**SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION.** My name is Alisha and this has been my journey. I grew up in a home with abuse and drug addicts all around me. This lifestyle made me very anxious so at the age of 12 I too started using meth. Later I changed to heroin and became a heroin addict. After a 7-year relationship, my partner died of an overdose. This changed everything for me. I was evicted from my home, lost custody of my 2 children and I was sent to jail. I spent 90 days in jail and was faced a 4-6-year prison term.

With all these losses I took a good hard look at myself and decided drugs were not the life for me. So instead of prison the alternative would be a long term discipleship program that would surround me with encouraging people. I just had to change my lifestyle so that I could get my kids back. I was in this program for 18 months and after 6 months I got my son back. My daughter however chose not to come back and live with me. It was at this time I had a huge heart change and surrendered my life to God. This decision was the best decision I ever made. Things began to turn around and I was making progress, blessing after blessing came my way. I knew I would make it. God was on my side directing me and showing me the right way to a better life.

After completing the 18-month discipleship program I chose to go into a treatment facility which gave me good understanding of drug addiction. I was in this program for 22 months. An awesome opportunity came for me to move into FaithWORKS Francis Court transitional housing. In 2014 I graduated from this program after only fourteen months.

Francis Court transitional housing has served me well. With all the wreckage from my past I had past due utility bills, plus an eviction resulting in very bad credit. I can truthfully say my debts have been cleared including an old judgment that is now gone. I am living a good debt free life with my son, all the time praying for complete restoration with my daughter. I know this too will come in time, HOPE and trusting in God we will once again be a family.



**“LIFE IS LIKE PHOTOGRAPHY. YOU NEED THE NEGATIVES TO DEVELOP” UNKNOWN**

I owe so much to my friends of Francis Court who encouraged and helped me with words and positive input to keep me pressing toward my goals. They taught me so much; the value of paying rent on time, budgeting to make this a reality, how to clean up credit, keep a nice home and to stay focused on the my goals for a good family life. It is a joy for me to say it feels so good to be in permanent housing with my son. I am going to school to become a drug and alcohol specialist and working a job that will sustain a lifestyle that we can enjoy together. I am truly blessed and thank God everyday for helping me to become the person God always designed me to be; an awesome Mom and one who loves to serve and help others who have made poor choices. I can hardly wait to see what my life will look like in 10 years. I am truly blessed.

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