

SUCCESS STORY

I'm a college graduate with a business degree, a certified substance abuse counselor, a professional entrepreneur and consultant. I'm also a successful recovering person from substance abuse and I've maintained a crime-free lifestyle. I was raised by good parents but I was lured to the streets at an early age and committed a crime that was drug-related.



I didn't have resources available to me then, so I had to rely on support from family, church and friends, and on my own desire to be successful. Today I'm an advocate for others who wish to turn their lives around. I've supervised substance abuse programs in the criminal justice system and currently, I'm managing a program for homeless families. I've raised five children and I've volunteered in my community working with disadvantaged children.

- James K / Sober Alumni

CLIENT RESOURCES

- Internet Access & Email
- Online Databases & Software
- Newspaper & Magazines
- Videos & CDs
- Maps, Directories, Encyclopedia and Books

NETWORKING



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DISCOVER YOUR OWN NETWORK

To discover your own network, start with your address book. To build your network, consider these possibilities.

- Social service agencies
- Churches and schools
- AA/NA/CA sponsors
- Parole offices
- Employment offices or workforce centers
- Recreation centers
- Community or political organizations
- Public library resources



NETWORKING CONCEPT

All of us together know more than any one of us. There are many applications of networking for newly released inmates. Networking can be used to gather information, re-establish family connections, gain employment, and make contact with people in agencies who can help with the complicated tasks of parole.

GET SPECIFIC

Ask directly for what it is you need. If you're looking for a job, mental health assistance or simply directions, say so. Don't assume that people are mind readers. Ask open-ended questions that cannot be answered with a "yes" or a "no". Instead of asking, "May I come in to talk with you?", ask, "When may I come in to talk with you?"

If the person you've contacted can't help you, don't leave without getting the name of someone else who might be helpful. Then, thank the person.

INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW

To get the most out of a meeting or phone conversation with your network contact, turn it into an informational interview by asking the following questions:

- Are you aware of any agencies or organizations that might be able to assist me?
- Do you know anyone who may be able to help?
- Do you know someone who is willing to share connections with me?