

BIO for Rachel N.

Good afternoon. I'm happy to be able to share with you the reason I was referred to the Supportive Housing for Families Program. I became involved with DCF when my older daughter reported that my ex-husband abused her. As a result, both my daughters were removed from my care.

After I divorced my husband, DCF returned my younger daughter to my care while my older daughter remained with my mother. I was admitted to the Supportive Housing for Families program in March 2019 due to not having a place to live with my daughter. My case manager helped me find an apartment in Meriden and I moved in on June 1, 2019. Since moving into my new home, DCF closed my case. My case manager also helped me complete a RAP application so that I will have assistance with paying my rent, once I complete the program.

I worked for Stop 'n' Shop for 15 years before being let go due to the store closing. I am working with a Supportive Housing for Families vocational specialist to find employment. I would like to become a recovery specialist so I can pay it forward.

I want to thank you for continuing to fund the Supportive Housing for Families program as I would not be where I am today without the program.

Thank you for your time.