

Tai Thergood

My name is Tai Thergood. I am the father of four children, 2 boys and 2 girls. Taizir, Tajh, Taraji and Tori-Lee (I know, it's awesome ...TnT forever). My children are and forever will mean the world to me. Unfortunately, with Tajh and Taraji my world was completely destroyed in March of 2019. I was involved with DCF two times prior to my latest case which made me believe I was going to lose Tajh and Taraji forever. Since then, I researched and learned my rights as a father. I told DCF that the charges were unsubstantiated regarding each DCF case. That put me in a position to have a reunification process implemented which led me to my only problem, housing. I needed to provide housing for my children and had no way to do it with the majority of my money being used to pay child support and surviving.

After some more research and meditation and prayer, I found out about The Connection. Once I mentioned it to my Social Worker at DCF, he said that he would refer me to SHF. This part is what this letter is all about. I'm literally smiling from ear-to-ear as I say, "I'm so grateful for this program". The Connection's Supportive Housing for Families program helped me secure a place for my children and become a better father. They taught me how to balance my money and pay bills accordingly. They also taught me the importance of valuing my progress. The Connection, along with family therapy, helped me realize, this isn't all my fault but I am responsible. Meaning, I might not be the reason for the kids being in the predicament that they are in, but I am responsible for getting them out of it.

I tried to separate myself from the toxicity of the relationship I had with their mom multiple times. As a man, I can say that I went back and forth because of my children. After I connected with this program, I was finally able to stop the cycle. I HIGHLY APPRECIATE what this program has done for me and my children. It's been a rough road but it's one worth traveling for the energy I get from my children. Now I'm close to reunification and have been able to have frequent unsupervised visits with them at our new home. SHF also helped me gain permanent housing by getting a RAP certificate which is probably the greatest accomplishment in this whole situation. I applaud The Connection and Supportive Housing for everything that they do for people like me. I hope whoever is reading this stays in good health mentally, physically and spiritually. God Bless and thank you for your time.