

"A few years ago I was abusing drugs, working the streets and living in a filthy apartment. When I became a mother I knew I had to make a change.

I was surprised to learn Kirkwood would remove any barriers to my success—childcare, gas money, rent. I just had to focus and work hard.

I really didn't think I was smart enough to finish school. Now I'm enrolled at Mount Mercy, am drug free, have my own car and live in a house with a swingset for my kids.

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