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Back when William Weld was the governor of Massachusetts he inacted welfare reform, forcing recipients of welfare to take advantage of some free job training, and then get some we ork or to do volunteer work.

At this time I had a single mother tenant (Victoria) with a middleschool age daughter. Victoria had been on the system for years. She confided her anger at the governor to me on a number of occasions, she spoke of the outrageousnes of it all, according to her it wasn't fair. Victoria went through a program offering secretariat training and then got a job at an attorneys office. She fell on her face, she hated it. She went back to school and took some training to work in a nursing home. She got a job and she loved it.

Before all of this happened I was seeing a long slow decline in Victoria. Some days she would not even leave the house or open the blinds.

After working at the nursing home for a few months she told me how much she loved it. She said that it was the best thing that had ever happened to her. She said that she now had a life, she told me that on Thursday night she was going to go to Friendlies with some of the other women from work.

She then told me that before this was forced upon her she considered herself to be worthless, that no one would higher her she didn't know how to do anything. She actually said that felt like she was equal to apieceof dog

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