



HEAR FROM HER: EVELYN FULBRIGHT

Interviews with system-impacted women brought to you by the Texas Women's Justice Coalition and the Texas Center for Justice and Equity

"Instead of offering some type of drug treatment, I was put on probation without services and then revoked. I cycled through the system because I had a drug problem and my root issues weren't being addressed."

"I had a fibroid on my uterus, so I had a lot of bleeding. The pads are so cheap, I would go through 3 a night and still bleed through my clothes and sheets. I would get in trouble for washing my clothes/sheets, but I couldn't just stay like that. It made me feel less than a human being, let alone a woman. Even though we are in prison, we are still women."

"They need to do more of an individual assessment of the women. We go through a processing in the beginning, but it needs to be more female based. If they did more of a detailed assessment involving female issues, maybe they could improve the quality of treatment of women in the system."

"I had a severe cocaine addiction for 15 years. Today, I am a nurse at a drug rehab center. God saved me out of that world, and then brought me back to help others."



Did you feel TDCJ prepared you for reentry?

"There was no preparation for reentry. They gave me a list of resources out the door, and many of the organizations and businesses didn't even exist anymore. I work at a resource center now, and when we get feedback that a place is closed or has restrictions, we update our resources. TDCJ should do that as well."

The trouble for me did not start until I came home. I had a felony, my nursing license had been taken, and I was facing so many obstacles that I was not prepared for.

The need is so much greater than what resources are available."

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