



LIFE AFTER METH

It's hard to believe that this young couple was severely addicted to meth. Brock grew up in a middle-class home and was introduced to meth by friends. After becoming addicted, he grew desperate for ways to support his habit, so he began making meth and selling chemicals to other meth cooks. After several years of meth and crime, Brock was sentenced to county jail and ordered to treatment.

Mel was 14 years old when she first tried cocaine. Six months later, she tried meth. By the age of 16, she was using meth on a daily basis, was no longer in school, was unemployed, homeless, and keeping company with meth users and dealers. Meth took a heavy toll on Mel physically and mentally. Suffering from meth-related illnesses and weighing only 89 pounds, Mel was arrested numerous times and sent to a treatment center to get help for her addiction. Mel began the long, difficult journey to recovery, and in the process reflected on how her life had once revolved around meth. She began to realize how much she had disappointed her mother and herself by not pursuing her dream of going to college.

Today, Brock works as an admissions coordinator at an area treatment center and Mel is a devoted mom who is hoping to study carpentry. Brock says the most rewarding aspect of his job is seeing families reunited and mothers being able to get their kids back. Seeing addiction through the eyes of his clients strengthens his commitment to sobriety.

Since meeting in treatment and making a successful journey toward recovery, Mel and Brock have rebuilt their lives together. They are the proud parents of a baby girl and are looking forward to what lies ahead.

There can be life after meth.

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