**Can I call anonymously?** Absolutely – only share what makes you comfortable.

**Can I call or text after business hours?** Absolutely! Struggles happen at all hours, call or text anytime.

**Can I remain anonymous?** Of course, only share what you makes you feel comfortable.

## I'm pregnant and struggling with my recovery. I want to reach out for help, but I'm scared.

Totally understandable. Please reach out, and we can walk through what your options are and how to get you safely connected.

I just moved to a new town, can you help me with local resources? Absolutely!

**Can I call just to chat about a hard day?** Yes, any time, day or night.

**Can dads call too?** Of course!

CALL TO

CHAT

SHARE EXPERIENCES

ASK <u>QU</u>ESTIONS

**FIND LOCAL** 

RESOURCES



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## Pregnant or parenting while struggling with recovery?

## Talk to someone who's been there

*Call or text Kay* 701.471.0857  For over half of my life nothing made sense. Now I am at a point where I can use my experience to help other parents on their journey to recovery and wellness.

## Kay's story

Early in my adulthood, using substances made everything numb, and tolerable. Shortly after the birth of my first child, my addiction progressed so fast that before you knew it I lost custody of him. I spent many years in and out of prisons, jails, and being homeless. I lost my entire sense of identity and self-love, feeling as though I was a lost cause. The guilt and shame I carried with me every day only sent me deeper into my addiction, to the point where I completely gave up on myself. My life revolved strictly around using, and escaping the pain... Even if that meant using while I was pregnant. I gave birth to more beautiful children, however could not give them the life they deserved. I always wanted to be a wonderful parent. I was desperate for a better life, I just didn't believe it was possible. And if It was

possible, how would I get there? After years of that journey, a seed of hope was planted in my soul. When I think of how I successfully entered recovery, I think of the Peer-To-Peer Support I received. Not only did somebody believe in me, they could relate to my journey, and share insight on how they recreated their life. I am now a parent in long term recovery, and have reunited with all of my children. Most importantly, I have grown to start loving myself again and build healthy relationships. Some days are harder than others, which is why support and connection is so important.

You are worthy, and it IS possible

- Talk to a parent with lived experience who has been in your shoes
- You can remain anonymous
- Non-judgmental conversation
- There is no cost
- Assistance with local supports and resources