

Chrysalis Client Testimonials

"Before I began working with Chrysalis, I didn't think I could ever get a job. I'd been an inmate for most of my adult life, so I wasn't re-entering society--I was entering society for the first time. I learned how to put together my resume, I learned communications skills, I learned SELF-CONFIDENCE, and I learned how to get a job. The staff was incredibly supportive, always there for me, and willing to give me as much time as I needed--anytime. Now I have achieved my dream of giving that support back to others."

— *Johnny Gutierrez, Substance Abuse Counselor currently working with former prison populations*

"I had a very successful career and then hit hard times due to a drug addiction. Chrysalis served as my first step back to stability, and helped me overcome the wreckage of my past. They made me feel like I could achieve absolutely anything I put my mind to. They treat everyone here as an equal, no matter what your past is or what kind of job you are trying to get. This kind of unconditional support gives you a huge sense of personal **DIGNITY**."

— *Steve Breslau, Design Engineer*

"Chrysalis was a **NEW START** after prison. I didn't think I would find a job. When I came here my life and what I believed changed. All the staff has pushed me when I felt like I wanted to quit. I've been working since, thanks to everyone at Chrysalis."

—*Adrian Jackson, Window Installer*

"Chrysalis has changed my life and continues to. It not only provided resources to help me get the job I love at a Santa Monica-based car dealership, it also helped me maintain this job through the retention support group and counseling services. I've now been at my job for over a year, and I have been promoted two times!!"

"Chrysalis has been instrumental in getting me a position in an established company, with great benefits. My employer is a company that treats all their employees with dignity and respect. I am very fortunate."

"It's a lot more than all of the resources Chrysalis offers. I needed someone to believe in me. I didn't believe that I was worth anything. Chrysalis is more than getting a job and a paycheck. It's getting your dignity back. What I will never forget is how the staff and volunteers had an understanding of me as a person - they knew how to motivate me, even when I thought I could never do it. I am so very grateful. How am I ever going to repay everyone for their help?"

"As I've been putting the pieces of my life back together, employment has been one of the largest pieces of the puzzle. I had a hard time asking for help. I wanted to do everything myself, to be independent. But I did need help. Chrysalis' staff made me feel comfortable. I trusted them. They helped me get a good job and stay employed for three years. I now have my own apartment and I am proud to be able to raise my daughter."