

Actual Parents of a Stonewater Alumnus: He just didn't want to be around us. He was always fidgety. He always wanted to be with certain friends. But it was a gradual thing where, you know, again, we justify, you know, "He's just a teenager, so he wants to be with his friends." I think we probably were in denial about it for a lot of years, honestly, and a few weeks before we started this journey with him, he was with some friends, and really just went off the rails. You know, at that point, it was really like a wake up call for us to say, you know, "This ain't no problem. This is a serious problem." We had no idea who to call. Honestly, we were zero idea, and I had a friend of mine that I knew was a recovery and I knew was a counselor, and I called him so by the grace of God, he put us in touch with Elizabeth, who actually was able to make room, because at the time, they didn't have a bed for him. And Elizabeth worked and worked everything out and and helped me work through exactly what to do and how to do it, until we got here. And so we were completely relieved. Just the staff and the facility and everything about it just felt so right and comfortable for us, and we truly felt like he was at the right place, in a place that could really help him. And we've never felt any other way since we've been here. For the first time in a long time, I actually feel like we have our old child back. We really feel like making this step to get our son help saved his life.