



Trisha Edwards "A Little Girl Comes Home!"

Trisha, a single mom to 10 year old Zach, 7 year old Hali and 2 year old Spencer, first started attending her Parents Anonymous® group after she heard about the parent support group at her children's school in November of 2013. A month before, Trisha's estranged husband had taken their only daughter, Hali, with him to North Carolina. Feeling isolated, with no one to turn to, Trisha became increasingly stressed and distraught.

Then Trisha found the parent support group. During the next six months, Trisha received ongoing emotional support, concrete parenting information to help parent two boys who were confused, and was encouraged to seek a sought after promotion at work. The facilitator navigated Trisha to legal aid services to begin the legal process of getting Hali home. When the Strengthening Families Program began in April of 2014, Trisha enrolled herself and her two boys to learn critical family skill building strategies to help make Hali's transition back into her family as smooth as possible when that occurred.

"At times when I felt like I couldn't do it anymore, when my heart hurt after countless failed attempts to help my daughter, I received strength, emotional support and will power to continue my fight from FamilyCorps' staff and group members."

Hali came home to her Mother and brothers in August of 2014! FamilyCorps was there for her and her children during their darkest hours and are celebrating with them now! Trisha is currently a Parent Group Leader in the adult Parents Anonymous® Groups and using her lived experience to give hope to recent attendees in the group.

