

*When she was nine,  
Pamela ate nothing but  
cold cereal. The same  
year she lost her dad to a  
boating accident, she lost  
her mom to cocaine  
addiction. When Pamela's  
mom was ready to get  
sober, substance-abuse  
treatment gave Pamela  
her mom back.* (1996 Baker High School graduate)

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**Among teen  
mothers, fetal  
alcohol  
syndrome costs  
Oregon \$12.4  
million per year.**

(PIRE 2005)

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**Parents who do not complete their court-mandated substance abuse treatment within one year will lose permanent custody of their children to the state.**

(Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005)



**The waiting lists for treatment in Oregon are dangerously long.**

(County waiting lists, online)

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**Girls who drink alcohol are at increased risk of rape, pregnancy, and academic failure.**

(OJJDP online)



**1 in 3 of Oregon's eighth-grade girls is drinking alcohol, an increase for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year.**

(Oregon Healthy Teens Survey)

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**Teens in Oregon smoke more  
marijuana than cigarettes.** (Oregon Healthy Teens Survey)

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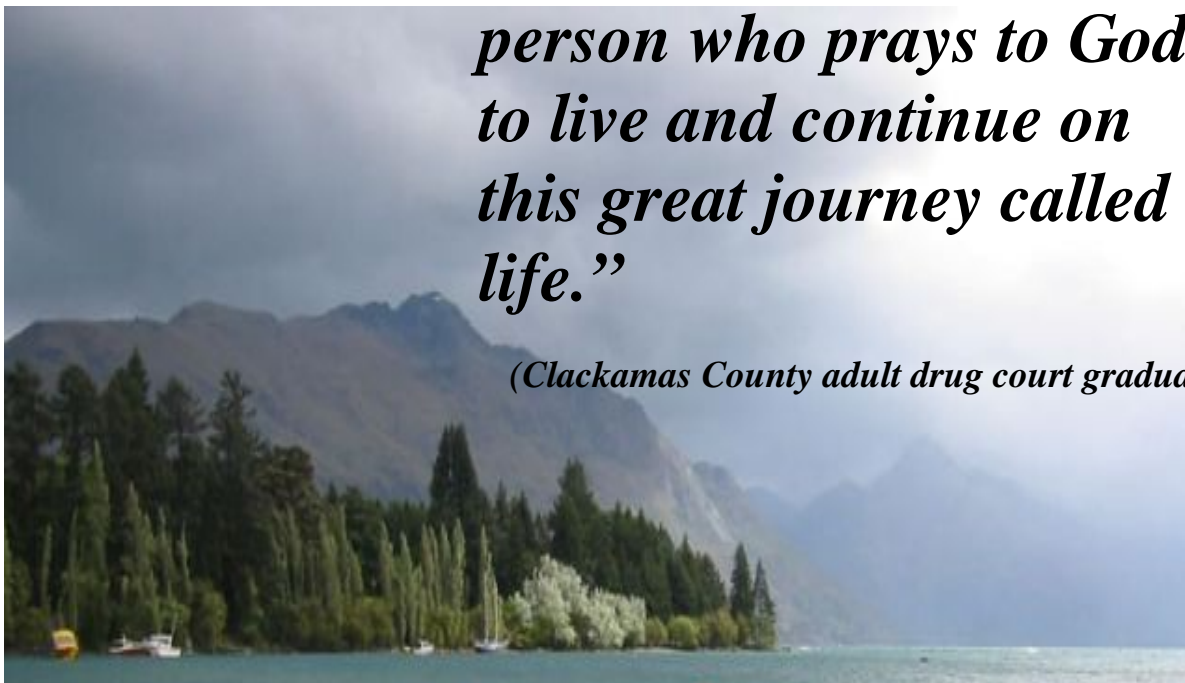
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*“I went from a person who prayed to God to die from my addiction, to a person who prays to God to live and continue on this great journey called life.”*

*(Clackamas County adult drug court graduate)*



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*“I was born seventh out of eight kids, and both of my parents were alcoholics. I started drinking when my dad started molesting me, at eight years old. I tried to tell my mother, but she wouldn't believe me. So I drank alcohol to escape.”*

*(Recovering alcoholic, [alcoholism.about.com](http://alcoholism.about.com))*

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## **In her own words:**

*“When I was 16 years old a family friend introduced me to heroin. I grew up a sheltered, only child and had no idea how dangerous the drug was. I just wanted to appear cool like so many others that age.”*

*(Recovering heroin addict, [alcoholism.about.com](http://alcoholism.about.com))*

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*“At the tender age of thirteen, two preppy college guys subjected me to a violent gang rape while I was unconscious from too much liquor. One month later, I had been raped for the second time. My best friend and I had gone hitchhiking days before my fourteenth birthday. Hours later, I found myself stupendously trashed from cheap beer, and a nineteen-year-old was raping me on the couch.”*

*(Recovering alcohol and drug addict, [alcoholism.about.com](http://alcoholism.about.com))*

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