

Becky wrote the curriculum for School of Hard Knocks. She first came to Trinity Outreach Center (TOC) when her husband lost his job last October. After years of many struggles (dropping out of school, being pregnant at 15, three more pregnancies before turning 20, loss of a child, years of drug abuse, losing her children to CPS, working toward getting her children back, depressed with the loss of her mother) it looked like she was knocked down again. After struggling to get her GED, she worked up the nerve to start classes at South Plains College and was struggling to keep up with the coursework. With four hungry teenagers at home and her husband out of work, it looked as if she might have to drop out again.

TOC has tried to offer Becky the support she and her family need. We encouraged Becky to stay in school and offered help with feeding her family while her husband looked for work. We connected them with Anglefood Ministries which along with the food from our Food Pantry has helped them tremendously. We helped get her computer fixed so she could do homework at home and not spend long nights away from her kids while at the library. We also referred her family to other resources for additional help. We encouraged her husband in his job search. Becky is headed in the right direction. She has been clean and sober for 11 years. She is now in her second semester, her grades are improving, and things are looking better than ever. We are so excited to see Becky well on her way to success.

Becky knows God has a plan for her life. He can bring good out of any situation. But she also admits her life would have been much different if she had stayed in school and made better choices along the way. She hopes sharing her story will help at least one person keep from making the mistakes she has made.

Update: Becky's grades were awesome this past spring semester and she received an A in math!!!

