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My name is Blake Garland I'm a 34 year old single dad before tanf/fedcap I had never received any time of state assistance unfortunately due to unforseen circumstances I ran out of options I needed to put my pride aside to do what was best for my infant at the time. Tanf didn't just help me financially but my case worker Haley Gotlieb helped me mentally aswell because not only was I struggling financially I was struggling mentally with my medical issues, being a single dad, living offgrid, wanting to further my education an trying multiple times but always giving up in the past but Haley was there for me every step of the way she never let me fail shes always so positive an joyful an full of such star power energy her smile was always so welcoming so I never once felt discouraged during our in person appointments. (Aside from me ego) Tanf didn't just hold my hand during my struggles tanf made it so it was possible for me to be there for my infant made it possible so I had a vehicle to drive insurance to make the vehicle legal for the road Tanf made it so I was able to keep my land so I have that to pass down to my kids an there kids after that. I once tried applying for WIC before I knew about tanf an I was denied instantly because WIC stands for Woman Infant Care so even though I was a single dad I wasn't eligible because Im a man. Id also struggle being at stores an needing to change my son's diaper because having a changing a table in a men's bathroom was very very rare they were mainly in woman's bathrooms. I was very very thankful that tanf didn't turn there head because I was single father but yet offered there assistance in a very friendly judge free environment. Big thank you to tanf an a huge huge shout-out to Haley Gotlieb for not giving up on me because now I'm just one test away from finally getting my hiset/GED which really gives me a huge opportunity to further my education an without the supportive push from haley an the supportive guidance from her id still be here thinking about my GED but not actually achieving it... I highly highly recommend Haley Gotlieb an I highly recommend tanf/fedcap an the services they offer because as a whole they really are a blessing and a life saver.

Sincerely Blake Garland