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Dear sir / madam

i am 42 years of age and a parent to two children under 10 years of age. i am presently attending a course run by the staff at Shay Louise House, because of substance abuse in the family. this course so far has had an over whelming affect on the problem, after ten years of battling it has been arrested. the course teaches how to change our behaviors and perception so we can get the results we so desperately need. if i had known of this program 10 years ago, i'm sure id have a clean police record, i'd have kept all the thousands of dollars i spent in the family courts and lawyers and my children would have had a better start at life. if i had known of this program 20 years ago both my brothers would not have been admitted into the psychiatric ward and a good possability they wouldn't be so disfunctional today. we didn't know how to deal with this problem and looking back now things should have been tackled differently by everyone including the so called professionals, who give out drugs and bad advise. my wife and i have seen this group for over 7 weeks and it actually feels like the problem is dealt with in a sensible, experienced manner, which entices the person to get better. thanking you, Bruno Anfiteatro