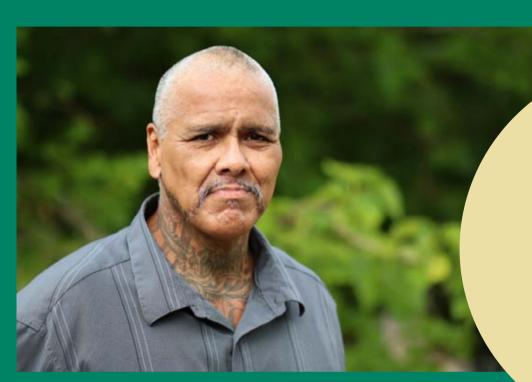
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Thanks to CSET's
Permanent Supportive
Housing program,
Johnny beat the odds
of housing instability,
strained relationships,
substance abuse, and
health issues.

JOHNNY'S STORY

From a young age, Johnny was involved in the criminal justice system. As a teenage father with a toddler and another child on the way, survival became his sole priority, a need he thought could be met through gang affiliation. Tragedy and revenge led to a life sentence for Johnny. He obtained early release in 2011 after serving 28 years in prison. Johnny began his struggle with homelessness and substance abuse. In 2015, a near-death experience motivated Johnny to seek drug recovery services, and he was referred to CSET for Permanent Supportive housing. Johnny received a pet friendly housing placement

for him and his dog Mamas. While
Johnny's essential need for a stable living
environment had been met, he still
struggled with chronic health barriers
making it difficult for him to maintain his
housing placement. With CSET's
assistance, he received access to medical
care and mental health treatment,
including obtaining Social Security
Disability Income (SSDI). SSDI allowed
Johnny to purchase a vehicle that has
helped him get to his appointments,
obtain groceries, and reconnect with his
children. He now has a steady income, a
place to live, and reliable transportation.