

Name: Gerson Nivar, Program Manager at Wayfinders in Springfield

Education: Westfield State College, Bachelors of Science in Biology.

Experience: 12 Years working in Human services. 10 of those years working directly with individuals with Substance abuse disorder, mental illness or Dually Diagnosed. I also volunteer for the Residents Encounter Christ Ministry (ca. 4 years on and off) which goes into the jails and provides encouragement and spiritual skills to allow incarcerated men and women to exist with a semblance of peace while in jail. As well as we help residents attain personal transformation to reduce the likelihood of returning to jail after they have been released.

Personal: I am 6 years clean and sober from alcohol abuse and 12 years clean of drug use. I have, since my sobriety, dedicated much of my time to helping others get sober and stay sober.

Thank You,
Gerson Nivar