## Kristan Jordan

Since 2011, Kristan Jordan has worked her way up from the lowest point anyone could ever imagine to living her dream life. Kristan became addicted to drugs in late 2010, resulting in her losing her five children to the foster care system in the year 2011; which was a wake-up call for Kristan. She worked hard in recovery and over the next two years was able to be reunified with her children. Kristan was working in the food industry and was determined to get her life back on track. And then she relapsed. Kristan was disappointed in herself for letting it happen and letting her children down again. She once again committed to recovery and reunification.

Kristan began working in a local supermarket in Mantachie, Mississippi. She got clean again and was making improvements in her life. Her children were placed back with her again. A turning point came when Kristan was offered the opportunity to run a restaurant in her small town. Kristan went on from there to work in other restaurants in the area until she found her home at Tin Top Grill in 2021 where she started as Kitchen Manager. As of 2023 Kristan manages the restaurant and is now a Parent Partner/Peer Support Specialist for Lee County Youth Court. She is a lived experience expert and is able to use her story to provide hope to parents who have lost their children to the foster care system. Kristan did not have someone to help shepherd her through the system and is now grateful for the opportunity to be the hand to hold that she wished she'd had.