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The Impact of #LessIsMoreNY: Magen's story



BACKGROUND: Magen was incarcerated for drug-related felony charges in 2016. Now, she's a full-time student at Syracuse University pursuing her bachelors in creative writing. She begins a masters program at SU in spring 2023.

MAGEN SOLANO, MEMBER OF UNCHAINED: "When I found out that I could get off parole next year [2023] instead of years from now because of Less is More, it changed so much for me. I didn't feel like I was crushed under this huge rock of being on parole for the next 5 years. **The fact that I can get off parole opens up job opportunities for me that line up with my getting into programs at school. Now, I can gain professional experience as I finish school and can apply for jobs as I'm transitioning to get off parole.** I can go and live with my husband and have a really

good career. Less is More made a lot of my dreams more accessible. There's not gonna be a long pause on my life because I have to finish a parole sentence that, prior to Less is More, I had no chance to get off of. When he heard I was getting off parole early, my parole officer was even happy for me too because he said I deserve it.

"I gained my parole officer's trust by going almost 3 years without breaking any of the rules of my parole. But parole rules are still really restrictive - there have been times when my family wanted to have a movie night at my dad's house and I couldn't go because the movie night was planned with short notice and I couldn't call my parole officer for permission to go - even though I'm a 33-year-old grown woman who goes to school and does the right thing. As long as I'm parole, somebody else can have a say so and determine really anything in my life if they want to. Because I have changed, I deserve my entire life back. I'm so glad Less is More is in effect because it's great for people like me who are trying to take advantage of rough spots that they're been in and make themselves better."

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