

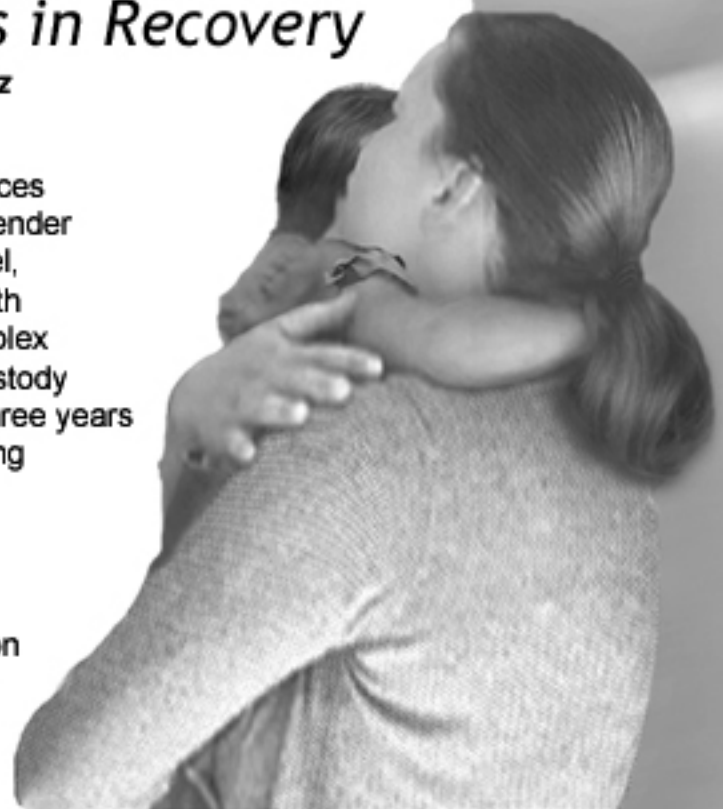
# On Life's Terms: Mothers in Recovery

a documentary film by Sheila Ganz

*On Life's Terms: Mothers in Recovery* elevates the voices of five mothers battling substance use addiction in a gender responsive residential treatment program in San Rafael, California. Their intimate story reveals experiences with domestic violence, prostitution, incarceration and complex inter-generational family relations. In the desire for custody of their children, the moms transform their lives over three years through self-sufficiency and new found pride challenging the stigma and drug laws impacting women and children, and will inspire hope for recovery.

This timely film addresses the broader issues of Treatment Works and Family Preservation is Prevention by breaking the cycle of addiction, abuse and poverty.

The 22 page Study Guide includes: statement from the filmmaker, description of the women in the film, definitions, discussion questions, facts in the film, statistics, suggested reading and videos, and additional information.



"We enjoyed *On Life's Terms: Mothers in Recovery* very much! We are an outpatient program. The women talked a lot about it on our way back from the screening at the REEL Recovery Film Festival and each felt it was inspirational and they could relate to it very much. The men said they were able to see recovery from a different perspective, and as for myself and the other staff members, we really enjoyed the message and positive yet realistic outlook the film portrayed. Congratulations on a beautiful film!"

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*On Life's Terms: Mothers in Recovery*  
56:40 minutes - DVD and 22 page Study Guide

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