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My drug use really did progress rapidly. I started out with more marijuana and alcohol in middle school, but when I got to high school I was introduced to a world of all different kinds of drugs and the progression of it was just that anytime I saw something new at a party or that somebody had, I would say, "Well, I want to try that out," and I'd buy it or I'd use it with somebody else who was using it and it was basically whatever I could get my hands on ... anything that took me away from reality. It was like searching for some kind of magic combination that would be the ultimate solution to my ultimate problem which at that point was myself. I didn't have the proper coping skills so my best friend was my addiction.