One thing you can call **Tonier Cain: COMMITTED**. During her 19-year commitment to crack cocaine she racked up 83 arrests with 66 convictions, lost custody of four children, and, when she wasn’t locked up, she slept on a concrete slab under a bridge. Most friends, family and professionals she encountered thought she was a lost cause.

Determined to maintain custody of her fifth living child, Cain made a commitment to the judge that she would do the right thing if he would send her to a substance abuse program to get treatment for her addiction. He did and she did.

Since exiting T.A.M.A.R.’s Children (Trauma, Addiction, Mental Health, and Recovery) in 2005, the woman once so damaged and traumatized she prostituted herself for drugs, has become a nationally recognized inspirational speaker and trauma care expert that has traveled to every state, including Alaska and Hawaii, to train mental health professionals on how to better serve people like her. Cain travels to prisons committed to uplifting and inspiring inmates stuck in a debilitating cycle of despair caused by trauma. She has testified before Congress, lectured at Yale University and delivered a keynote speech at the United Nations. Tonier Cain defied the odds.

The former team leader for the National Center for Trauma-Informed Care trained juvenile correction officers throughout the state of Florida in trauma-informed corrections. Former Florida Gov. Charlie Crist issued a proclamation designating Cain’s birthday, November 1, as Trauma-Informed Care Day in recognition of her contributions and commitment to transforming the way the entire Florida Department of Juvenile Justice serves children, youth and adults housed in their facilities.

Cain’s poignant memoir, “Healing Neen,” and feature-length documentary of the same name, exposes her traumatic childhood filled with abuse, rape and neglect, and is also a testament to her amazing resilience. Currently, there is a docu-series in development chronicling her work helping prisoners transition from behind bars into their community. Her compelling story was also featured in Ebony Magazine’s Power Issue (2014).

The founder and CEO of Healing Neen, Inc, a nonprofit that produces an annual conference, resides in Annapolis MD where she is committed to being a loving wife to her husband, Adrian Muldrow, and mother to daughter, Orlandra. For more information on Cain, the Healing Neen Trauma-Informed Care Conference, or to watch the film trailer visit www.toniercain.com.

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