

TURN IT AROUND



Turn It Around Alumni: Bryanna Gardener
Where are they now?: Bryanna works at
Mass General Hospital as a Tray Line
Server

What was your involvement with Turn It Around like?

I'm an OG youth member of Turn It Around. I was part of Mission Safe originally before learning about Turn It Around's program. When Mission Safe ended most of the youth from there joined TIA and continued the legacy under a new name with the same love and energy to build a better and brighter community. I've been involved with TIA since 2015 freshmen year when I first moved back to Charlestown. I've been to so many events I couldn't begin to count them all. I've been to fairs, on field trips, participated in turkey give-aways, prescription take back day and many many more. I was highly involved and always enjoyed being at the weekly meetings.

How did Turn It Around help you get to where you are today in life?

Being a part of Turn It Around has helped me in so many ways it's hard to put it all into words, but to simplify it, they've helped me with my mental health, physical health and financial stability! They encouraged me to graduate high school and even helped me with my current job at Mass General Hospital, one of the hardest places to get into. I can call them anytime I need help with anything and they are all ears with open arms, I will have them forever and that's such a blessing!

Can you share some advice for current Turn It Around members and Charlestown youth?

I appreciate and love everyone who has taken the time to help me and for all the staff who has kept Turn It Around going because it truly is something needed in our community and has changed my life for the better so don't take it for granted.