

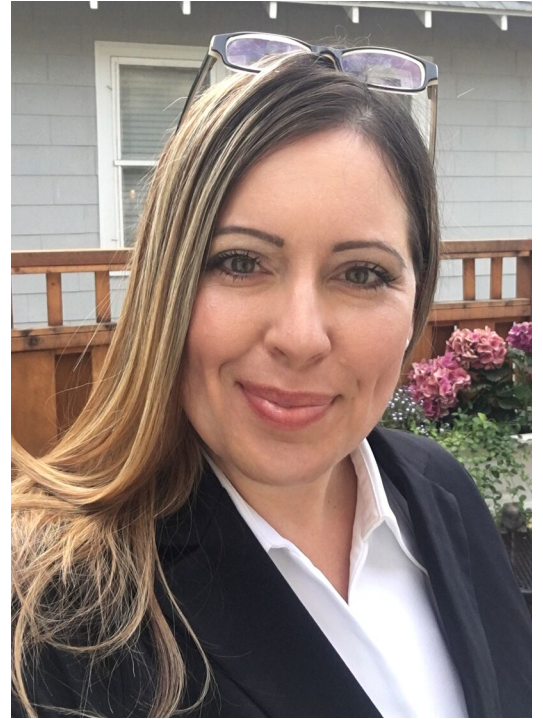
# ANDREA

The House of Charity  
Social Worker

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After completing her third and final tour in Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom's front line combat, Andrea returned to civilian life. She enrolled in Eastern Washington University's Master's Degree in Social Work Program.

Immediately after graduating, she felt the pressure to develop a career in the civilian world while coping with combat PTSD. "I was hesitant to get back into the workforce and my mental health made the matters more difficult." That's when Mike Ramos, an onsite WorkSource Spokane



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**WorkSource Spokane made my transition from the military workforce into the civilian workforce so much smoother... Thank you WorkSource team!**

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Career Coach at the Fairchild Airman and Family Resource Center highly encouraged Andrea to take the workshop E3: the Mindset of Success. "My initial thought of E3 was that it's a training to become an entrepreneur. I quickly learned that the curriculum teaches you to think like an entrepreneur and learn how to sell your personal brand and find the motivation to get the job you want."

In addition to E3: the Mindset of Success, Andrea utilized as many workshops as possible to enhance her chances of turning a volunteer position at The House of Charity into gainful employment.

Today, Andrea can be found at The House of Charity as one its newest Social Workers and "loves supporting our patrons with their challenges and helping them gain access to housing and counseling." Much like the level of support she provided in the military, she now confidently does so in the civilian world.