

Jayson Williams Bio:



Jayson Short Bio: Jayson Williams is a former NBA All-Star and Founder of Rebound, a substance abuse therapy program to help those in need find recovery in their own lives through outdoor adventure and exercise. Despite many life setbacks, his ultimate redemption is to help other in need prosper and thrive.

Jayson Detailed Bio: Jayson Williams is a survivor...born and raised on the streets of New York City's Lower East Side, Jayson learned at an early age what street smarts, and hard work were all about...Hard work, was life's only option as a way out. Tragedy struck early in Jayson's career, when he lost two sisters to the AIDS virus, and then a third sister, who was murdered by her husband. With school and D-1 basketball alone as a full-time job, Jayson adopted the children of his deceased siblings, and raised them while attending St. John's University.

Despite the pressure and despair, his game flourished and he became the top draft pick of the Philadelphia 76ers in the NBA draft. Rather quickly Jayson learned about life in the NBA, and all the potential pitfalls that lurked... As a "free agent," he signed a 6-year \$90 million contract with the

New Jersey Nets and became an NBA All-Star, only to suffer a career ending injury, during his initial season with the Nets.

In spite of the setback, Jayson parlayed his sense of humor, and larger than life personality, and quickly became an analyst for the "NBA on NBC." His life however, came to a crashing halt, when he was charged with aggravated man slaughter, to which he served a 27-month prison term.

Upon his release, Jayson vowed to turn his life around, and entered a facility for treatment for his own addictions. After, Jayson realized that something was missing for him, via the traditional rehab therapy-sitting in a room and talking, was only part of what was imperative. For Jayson, the missing component was "Adventure Therapy." He believed that sobriety could be achieved, by adding a regiment of "Extreme Sports," to one's treatment...In short time, The 'Rebound' facility was born.

The "Rebound" facility much like its leader, has an ultimate goal of not only survival, but helping those in need prosper and thrive in society. There can't be a better example of survival, and ultimately redemption, than Jayson Williams.