

Corey Winfield

For Corey, the love for entertaining began when he would play DJ on his mom's cassette player. At the age of 7, Corey learned you can record your own show if you place tape over the holes on the cassette. His mom wasn't thrilled about losing her favorite Christmas tape, but today she's happy she has Corey's first recorded demo.

In High School, Corey's love for entertaining grew as he began his radio career with WIRX in Benton Harbor. His talents were sought out by WRKR in Kalamazoo, two years later, he moved to work in San Antonio and then was hired in Dallas. Completing his goal of working in a Top-10 market, Corey's new desire was to become Program Director, and in 2008 he was offered the Program Director position in Fort Smith, Arkansas. While working for iHeartMedia in Fort Smith, Corey was given the opportunity to host afternoon drive for two stations with iHeartMedia. He hosted afternoon drive in Fort Smith and in Fayetteville while also being named Promotions Director for the Fort Smith cluster.

Corey's radio career was on the rise, but the disease of alcoholism was taking its toll on his body. At the age of 36, Corey was hospitalized for liver and kidney failure caused by the disease of alcoholism, and this was a moment of truth for Corey.

In 2015, Corey moved back to Michigan and stepped away from radio in 2016. Corey then began his battle with addiction and was in and out of rehab, mental health facilities, and finally jail. Being accountable for his actions finally allowed Corey to focus on his recovery and the life he wanted to create.

December 15th, 2018, is Corey's sober date and in April of 2019 he founded 217 Recovery and the 217 Recovery Podcast. Currently, the 217 Recovery Podcast has the most episodes of any recovery podcast in the world. He's the Executive Director of 217 Recovery and oversees the daily operations of the 217 Recovery Center, based in Traverse City, Michigan. The 217 Recovery Center offers support for those in early recovery and 217 Recovery provides transportation for those who have no other transportation to or from treatment services.