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A controversial new drug detox program continues to have success stories.



For the past seventeen years, Linora Pally couldn't remember the last time she laughed about anything. Today things are different. She says it's all thanks to a small box that's just bigger than an iPod. The device which sends electrical current through the brain is said to help drug users kick their addiction.

"It reboots the brain so that it takes them back to the day before they started using drugs," said Psychologist Jim McDannel.

Thursday afternoon, 15 women became the first females in Eastern Kentucky to use the new technology and they say it works.

"It's awesome to just see the stars in the sky, just to see the wind blow. It's unreal because when you're a drug addict, you're numb. You don't see those things," Pally said.

Just two weeks ago, all of these women tested positive for multiple kind of drugs. Wednesday night, after taking part in an intensive neuroelectric detox program, the women all proved that they're were now drug free. Organizers warn that detox is not a permanent solution.


"It's not a cure. It is a way to detox with a minimal amount of discomfort," said KRADD Executive Director Paul Hall.

And yes, there is some discomfort. The electrodes which hook behind the ears give off a small sting very similar to licking a nine volt battery. Women in the program say the pain is far less than the pain drugs caused them and their families, a pain that is hopefully gone forever.

Many of the men from the first class have stayed drug free, however some have returned to drugs. Neuroelectric therapy is still an experimental type of therapy and is not yet FDA approved.

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