

SUPPORTING YOUTH IN RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS

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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

YOUTH INVOLVED IN SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEMS OFTEN HAVE COMPLEX HISTORIES OF PERSONAL AND INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS WORKSHOP WILL EXPLORE HOW TO PROVIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCACY TO YOUTH IN RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS, WHERE ADDITIONAL BARRIERS OFTEN EXIST FOR YOUTH TO RECEIVE SERVICES. WE WILL FOCUS ON HOW TO GET YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR OF RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS, METHODS OF MEETING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS INVOLVED IN SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEMS, AND HOW TO FORGE EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS THAT SUPPORT HOLISTIC CARE AND HEALING FOR YOUTH.

AGENDA

Introductions

Understanding youth in these settings

Getting your foot in the door...

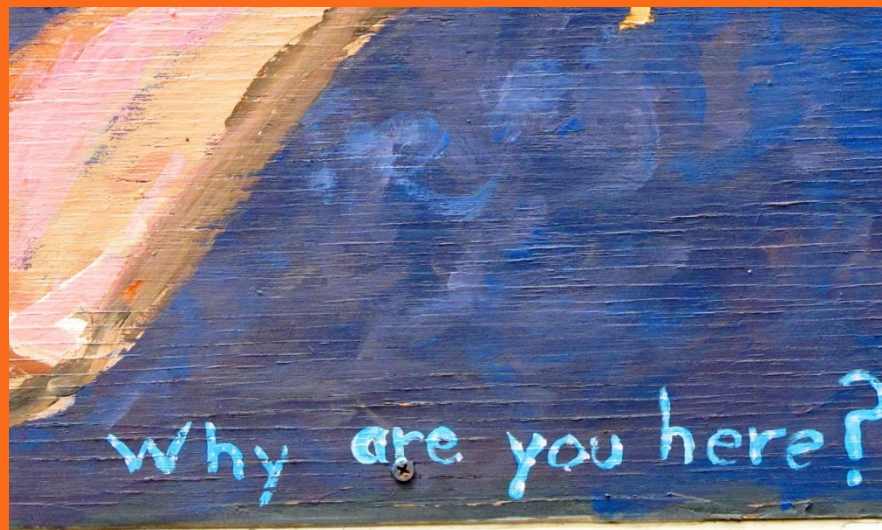
Meeting the unique needs of this population

Forging effective partnerships

Q&A

INTRODUCTIONS

WHO WE ARE ...
WHO YOU ARE...



CIRCLE ACTIVITY

...who in this world are you closest to?





UNDERSTANDING THESE YOUTH



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSx-SRbnHg>



GETTING YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR...

...how many of you have worked with youth in the system?
What has your experience been?

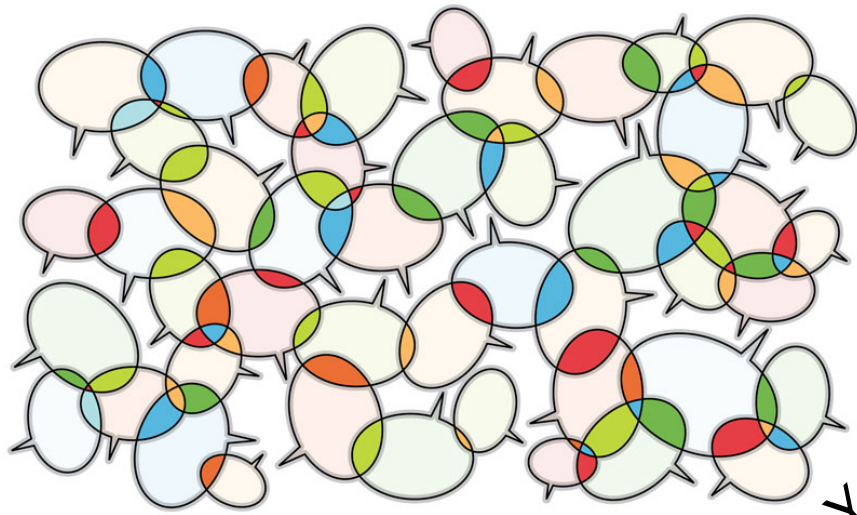


SMALL GROUP WORK



SCENARIOS

In small groups discuss how you would reach out to: this young person, their caseworker(s), the facility and (if applicable) the community.



...THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION...

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED...

- understanding system and its limitations
- helping system understand your role
- teaching system what it means to be a survivor
- training professionals in system to recognize and respond to warning signs/disclosures
- engaging in systems advocacy and policy change

CROSS-TRAINING



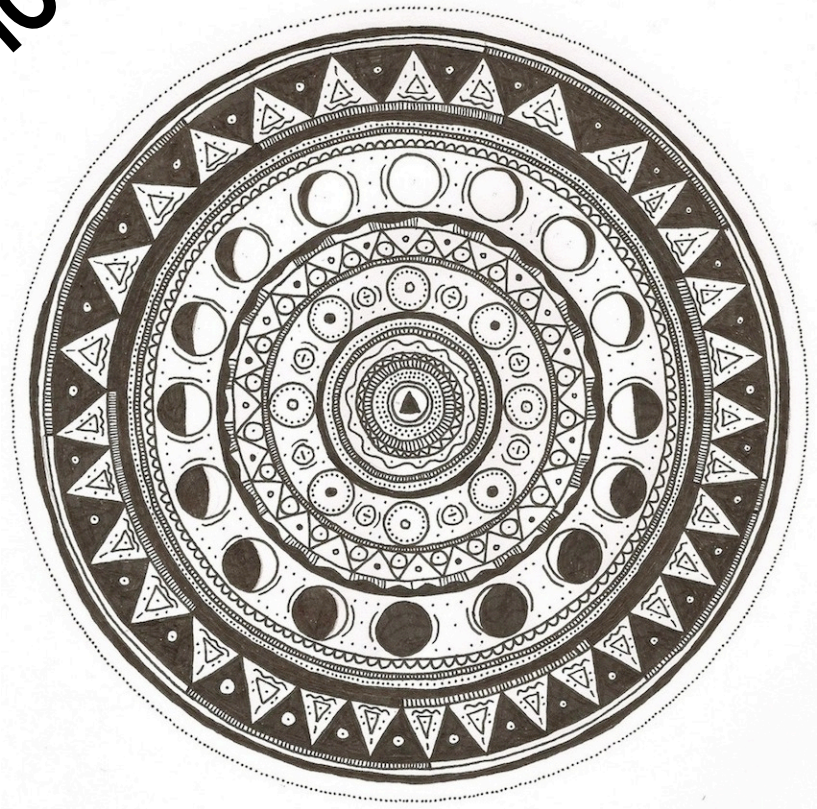
Develop a protocol.

- a disclosure to a staff member
- a disclosure during group/therapy
 - warning signs exhibited
 - disclosure to peer
- a youth enters facility with history of sexual assault noted

PROTOCOL

- Regularly scheduled and continual education for youth at the facility
- Groups specific to sexual assault
- Creative workshops
- Continual education for staff/professionals working with the youth
- Open "office hours" for youth/staff to come with questions or concerns

ON-GOING SERVICES AT THE FACILITY



COMMUNITY EDUCATION/FORUMS





...and finally the MOST IMPORTANT...

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS!!!

What Do
YOU Think?

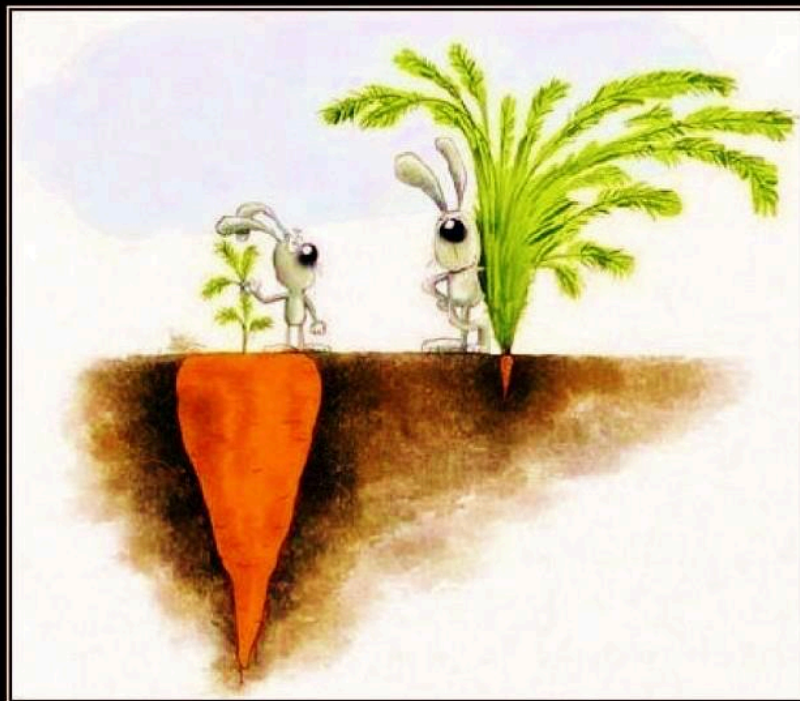
Empower



You
make it
happen

TAKE
ACTION
NOW!

TO WRAP THINGS UP, WE WANT YOU TO
THINK ABOUT... **ACTION STEPS!**



SUCCESS

it's not always what you see

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THANK YOU!