Sharing Power, Privilege and Partnership: A Foundation of Trauma-Informed Practice

Genevieve Kane-Howse, NCTSN Project Director
“I do this work to empower individuals and families, and to help them feel accepted and heard.”

Diane Lanni, Parent Trauma Coach
“Being part of the team helps me feel that my experiences have value & seems to improve their practice.”

Lance Davis, Youth Development Coach
“I do this work to encourage and instill hope and resilience in the youth I work with.”

Icebreaker Activity:
- Finding our Comfort Zone & Stepping Outside it
- Who is, and who isn’t, at the table?
- Privilege and Power

Only By Accident:
Did we discover what we could accomplish together?

If It Was Easy, Everyone Would Already Be Doing It:
Partnering Ingredients:
- Clinical
  - We discuss the youth and family’s feeling of safety regarding participating in trauma-focused work
  - We share assessment results with the youth and family, and discuss tx approaches & goals as a team
  - We use the results of satisfaction surveys to modify care when appropriate
If It Was Easy, Everyone Would Already Be Doing It:

Partnering Ingredients:

Organizational

- We recruit and engage families who have not typically been involved in decision-making or other kinds of family involvement.
- We compensate family participants for their time, reimburse them for their expenses, and provide and/or arrange for their transportation to appointments & agency meetings & events.
- We make sure that the information we share with youth & families is free of jargon and can be easily understood.

Small Group Discussion

Clinical Level & Organizational Level

1. What areas are you/your organization progressing in? Please share your experiences with others & explain why the particular area is important to you.

2. Where do you/your organization have room for growth? Please brainstorm with your colleagues strategies for progress.

Thank You!

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