## Please Join Today's Polling Activity!

- 1. Text this phone number: 22333
- 2. With this message: hope
- 3. Then hit send!
- You should receive a message saying "You've joined Coalition For Behavioral Health's session (hope)."
- You only need to join the poll *once*.
- ✓ It's *free*!
- You can *leave* the session after the survey.

For iPhone:

For Android:





#### Which Emoji BEST describes how you feel right now?













#### What keeps you in this field?



# Trickle Down Activation: Getting (and Keeping) Staff Motivated!

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#### In today's workshop, participants will be able to...

- 1) Reconnect with their motivation to do this work
- 2) Identify the relationship between staff and participant's activation
- 3) Explore concrete strategies that support staff activation

#### Participant Activation *Defined*:

Activation and empowerment is a cyclical process defined through the individual's accumulation of knowledge, confidence, and self-determination for their overall health, including behavioral health, and health care.

## Healthy Team "Checklist"

- Clear mission, vision and strategy
- Healthy relationships.
- Celebratory atmosphere.
- Joint ownership from everyone on the team.
- Shared sufferings.
- Shared workload.
- Leadership embraces team.

## Parallel Process



# How Do We Keep Staff Activated?

- Culture, mission, and purpose are key drivers of nonprofit staffer satisfaction.
- Focus on improving the things you can: They can have a ripple effect on the things you can't
- When hiring, focus on "fit": The better employees get along, the more satisfied they are.
- Strong leadership is absolutely vital.

## Trickle Down Activation: Getting (and Keeping) Staff Motivated!



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## A LITTLE ABOUT ME:

- A Puerto Rican in Shanghai
- Returning to the Motherland
- Rockaway as my new home

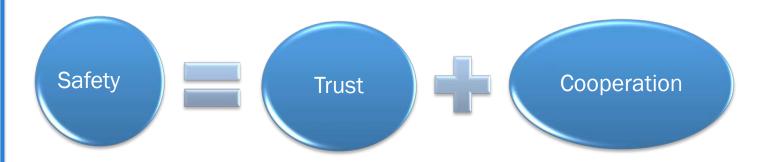


## **ENTERING PROS:**

- I have the best staff and boss on the planet (Spoiled, UPR)
- Edging into the culture took time (Time frames)
- Be willing to show that all roles are your role
- Expecting Authenticity in all its forms (Parallel Process)
- Model the tone you want to see flourish

#### LOOKING AT OUR PROGRAMS AS ORGANIC

Creating safety and outlets for staff is essential- Simon Sinek



How can you create safety?

#### **BASIC TENANTS**

- You are the facilitator between working hard and playing hard
- Looking for the gift within them is your job (Aligning staff)
- Being responsible for themselves and their work is their job

#### THE DEFINITION OF A GIFT

gift

#### noun

\'gift \

Definition of gift

(Entry 1 of 3)

1 : a notable capacity, talent, or endowment

2 : something voluntarily transferred by one person to another without compensation

3: the act, right, or power of giving

-Merriam-Webster.com

#### **LOOKING FOR THE GIFTS**

- General Gifts
  - Organization
  - Proactivity
  - Leaders
  - Entertainers
  - Imaginative
  - Relatability
  - Flexible
  - Boundary setting

- PROS/HCBS Gifts
  - Housing background
  - Affinity for a diagnosis
  - Employment background
  - Event planning
  - Assessment
  - The Arts
  - History of administration
  - IT/ EHR Whiz

\*Consider using personality tests such as 16 personalities



#### **ACTIVITIES AND TEAM BUILDING:**

- Social Events in Program are planned together
- Pot Luck, Ugly sweater day, Secret Santa are sacred
- Birthday Acknowledgement
- Making daily functions team oriented:
  - We eat lunch together, Maintain a group chat
- Diets, lotto, life

#### **ACTIVITIES AND TEAM BUILDING:**

- Professionally:
  - Staff meetings are collaborative and vary and trainings are made interesting
  - Staff is encouraged to advocate for techniques they want to learn
  - They trust that they are being supported and protected
  - They have learned to offer solutions when faced with problems
  - Supervision is theirs to direct
  - Think outside of the box: Blank Page Activity

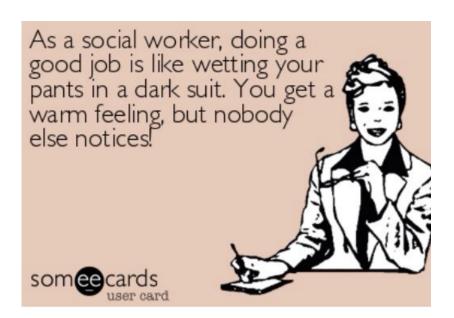
#### TIPS AND STRATEGIES:

- Strategies for strengthening your team are occurring right below the surface.
- Find. The. Time.
- They know you are the boss. Final decisions are yours. Explaining can be helpful.
- Burnt out staff can be brought back. You may be the burnt out staff.
- Laugh, and then laugh and finally, laugh some more. This is scientifically proven...
   sort of.

### A GUY WALKS INTO A BAR...

"Indeed, the presumed health benefits of laughter may be coincidental consequences of its primary goal: bringing people together"

- Robert Provine, 2000 Science of Laughter, Psychology Today



# When your social work boss cracks a joke:

Ahahahagivemearaisehaha





### **Trickle Down Activation:**

Getting (and Keeping) Staff Motivated

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Services for the UnderServed



#### Who are we

- Since 1978, we've been providing services for people in and around New York City whose lives have been unsettled by circumstances beyond their control.
- We're a nonprofit with a staff of close to 2,000 that provides \$200 million in services.
- Our efforts are supported by various local, state and federal government entities as well as foundations, corporations and individual donors.



#### Services: Who do we serve

#### Behavioral Health Services

- Residential Housing
  - Supportive Housing
  - Transitional (Level II)
  - Apartment Treatment
  - Permanent: Level I, HIV/AIDS, HOPWA, Forensic, Veterans,
  - Low Income Housing
- Respite Services
- + HCBS
- Care Coordination
- Treatment Services
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
- Clinics
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
- HIV Support Services



#### **Services**

## Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities Services

- Residential
- Day Habilitation
- Community Habilitation
- Medicaid Service Coordination
- Employment
- Self-Direction
- Family Supports
- Outside the Box



#### **Services**

#### Veterans Services

- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) New York City and Long Island
- Education to Employment
- Employment Services
- Suicide Prevention Services
- Homeless Outreach With The MTA



#### Cont'd

#### Services

#### **Homeless Services**

- Homeless Prevention
  - Home Base
- Outreach Services
- Transition Services
- Shelters
  - Families
  - Domestic Violence
  - Single Adults



#### Services

#### **Urban Farms Partners**

- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Hudson River Park Conservancy
- Kingsborough Community College Culinary Arts Dept.
- Manhattan's High Line
- NYC Parks and Recreation
- Rooftop Reds



#### **Our 5 Core Values**

- Respect
- Individual Potential
- Supportive Environment
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Integrity



#### **IPS - Intentional Peer Support**

- Intentional Peer Support was developed in the 1990s.
- Peer support in mental health grew out of consumer/expatients' reaction to negative mental health treatment
- Intentional Peer Support provides a powerful framework for creating relationships where both people learn and grow together. Reconnect where there are disconnections
- IPS is a tool for community development with broad appeal to people from all walks of life.



#### **IPS**

#### **3 Principles of IPS:**

- 1) Learning Vs. Helping
- 2) Relationship Vs. The Individual
- 3) Hope Vs. Fear

#### 4 Tasks of IPS:

- 1) Connection
- 2) Worldview
- 3) Mutual Responsibility
- 4) Moving towards



- We have invested in IPS Organizational Trainers
- We offer full five day and partial three day IPS trainings to staff throughout the organization.
- The focus is to examine and practice what is necessary to build mutual support; for those we serve and for those providing the service.



We don't empower people. We give people the tools to empower themselves."

-Donna Colonna, CEO, S:US



#### At SUS

- We don't prescribe paths that define people but offer solutions that support each person's definition of a life of purpose.
- When an individual's life is put on hold for circumstances unique to them, establishing a relationship with them is step one.
- Individuals and families no longer limited by their obstacles but propelled by opportunities for a richer experience with the world.
- A ripple effect that extends from individuals out into their communities.



- This is how we beat back stigma.
- This is how we build communities.
- This is how we create Opportunity for All



## Impactful change/ growth beyond the front door

- IPS trainings are for all staff
- The benefits go beyond...
  - The gains reflect in working relationships
  - Utilization of Co-supervision
  - The impact new skill can translate to all relationships



## A renewed/ new perspective on soft landings, relationships, rehabilitation and recovery

#### Developed a more enhanced culture of recovery through these tangible steps

- Non-hierarchical
- Enhanced sense of trauma informed community
- Use mutual responsibility and avoid coercion
- Moving toward, not away
- About co-learning and finding new ways of seeing, thinking, and doing
- Enhanced rehabilitative and recovery environment
- This modality added to our (tool belts) abilities to create a more supportive and positive rehabilitative culture



#### **Power and Privilege**

## Join me in an Exercise

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Will everyone please stand..... ©



## We welcome Questions! Want to Learn More?

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# Thank you!





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