

# **Families in Recovery**

### Strengthening Connections One Day at a Time

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## **Program Objectives**

## **SESSION #1 Strengths & Needs** To explore and understand the strengths and needs of the individual and the

family unit.

**SESSION #2 Serenity & Courage** To explore and understand how to apply principles of acceptance, empowerment, and accountability to parenting in early recovery.

### **SESSION #3** The Stages of Change

To assess self and family needs and identify level of readiness for participation in change and growth process.



## **Program Objectives**

#### SESSION #4 The Bigger Picture: How Family History Influences Parenting & Communication Style

To reflectively approach and understand the ways in which role modeling, culture, and family dynamics influence parenting style and communication.

#### **SESSION #5 Discipline & Development** To explore perceptions of discipline without shame or stigma, and to promote

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## **SESSION #6 Healthy Self & Family Wellness** To learn, practice, and develop effective coping skills to reinforce and promote

balance between recovery and family wellness.

### **SESSION # 7 Bridging the Gap:** From Here to Home

To support individuals in developing a blueprint for family wellness.



### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Theoretically integrative framework with a holistic strengths and needs based approach
- Promotes self-efficacy, resilience, and empowerment
- Inclusive, culturally sensitive, and supports a variety of approaches to recovery-wellness
- Support and education for parents on how to manage emotions and develop sustaining and healthy relationships
- Trauma informed, family and person-centered, easy to individualize
- Promotes holistic wellness of parents, caregivers, and children
- Encourages and identifies the importance of developing social connections, and increasing knowledge of parenting and child development



### Stakeholder Roles & Aggreements



# Why Groups?



#### Universality

- Existential Factors
- Social Microsystem
- Reduction of Isolation
- Instillation of Hope

#### Growth

- Develop Social Skills
- Broaden Knowledge
- Demonstrate Emotional Regulation

#### Support

- Challenge and Confront
- Witness the Success of Others
- Feedback and Validation



The Strengthening Families Protective Factors

Parental Resilience (Be strong, not stressed) Social Connections (Get and give support) Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development (Learn more so you can parent better) Concrete Support in Times of Need (Get help when you need it) The Social-Emotional Competence of Children (Help your child manage feelings and relationships)





# **Trauma Informed Approach**

### According to SAMHSA's concept of trauma-informed approach:

"A program, organization, or system that is trauma-informed

1.) **Realizes** the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery;

2.) **Recognizes** the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system.

3.) **Responds** by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and

4.) Seeks to actively **resist** *re-traumatization*."



## **Voices & Face – Parents in Recovery**



# **Data Collection**

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