



**Community of Practice for
Young Adults Utilizing Lived Experience
Professionally**

Welcome to our launch call!



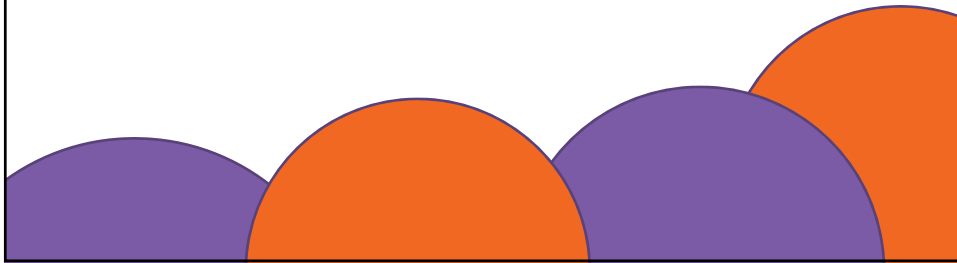
Thanks for joining us today!

- Agenda and Objectives Review
- Introductions
- Why are we here?
- So what IS a Community of Practice?
- Why is this needed?
- How you can get involved!
- Next Steps



Agenda & Objectives

- Meet who is making this happen
- Understand what a Community of Practice Is
- Hear why this work is important
- Learn how to get involved



Presenter Introductions

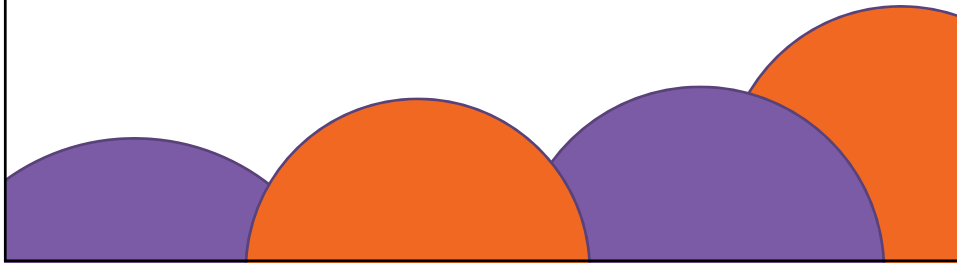
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Introductions

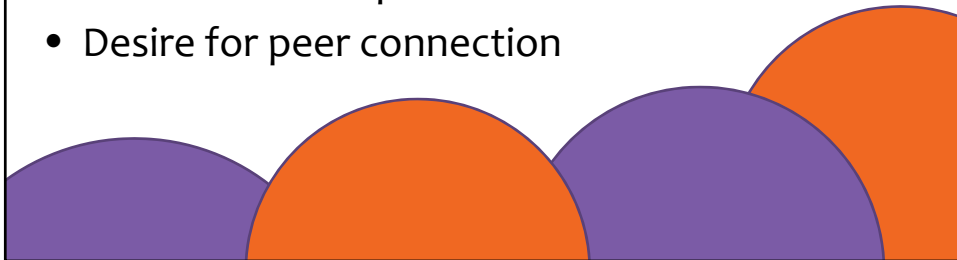
Who has joined us today?

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Why Are We Here?

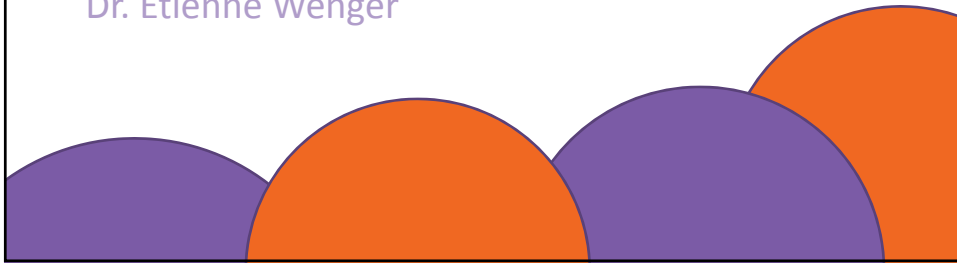
- Overlap of need (frequently asked the same questions over and over)
- High turnover and burnout among us
- In personal and professional places of transition
- Value of lived experience
- Desire for peer connection



Community of Practice

“Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and *learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.*”

Dr. Etienne Wenger



CoP on School Behavioral Health

- 16 State CoP models
- 19 national organizations
- 9 technical assistance centers
- 12 Practice Groups and a Specialty Track



Why focus on communities of practice?

dimensions of value creation

	short-term value	long-term value
members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• help with challenges• access to expertise• confidence• fun with colleagues• meaningful work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• personal development• reputation and network• professional identity• marketability• voice and influence
organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• problem solving• time saving• knowledge sharing• synergies across units• reuse of resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• strategic capabilities• keeping abreast• innovation• retention of talents• new strategies

Version 1.0



Youth Involvement & Leadership



- Practice Group Facilitator
- Dare to Dream Funded Photovoice Project gallery at 2011 Conference in Charleston, SC
- National Youth Lens Project

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Relationships

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Local champion

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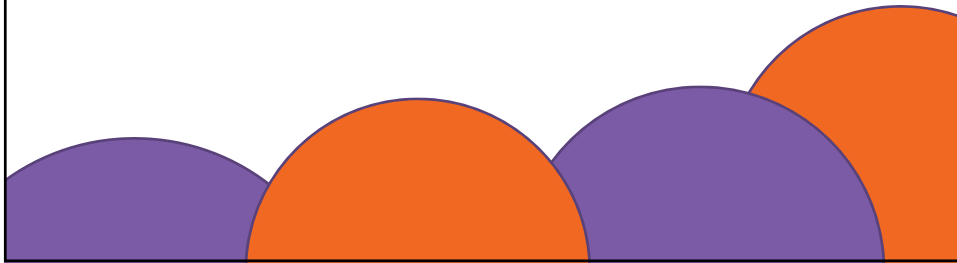
FREE HUGS

Not primarily about money

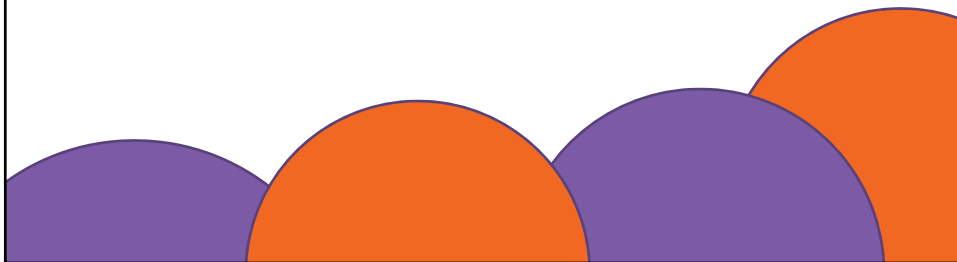
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Why is this CoP needed?

- **Build** your skills to get better at what you do
- **Share** Resources, Ideas and Best Practices
- **Design** the resources needed in our work
- **Connections** – Personally and Professionally



Role of Supportive Adults



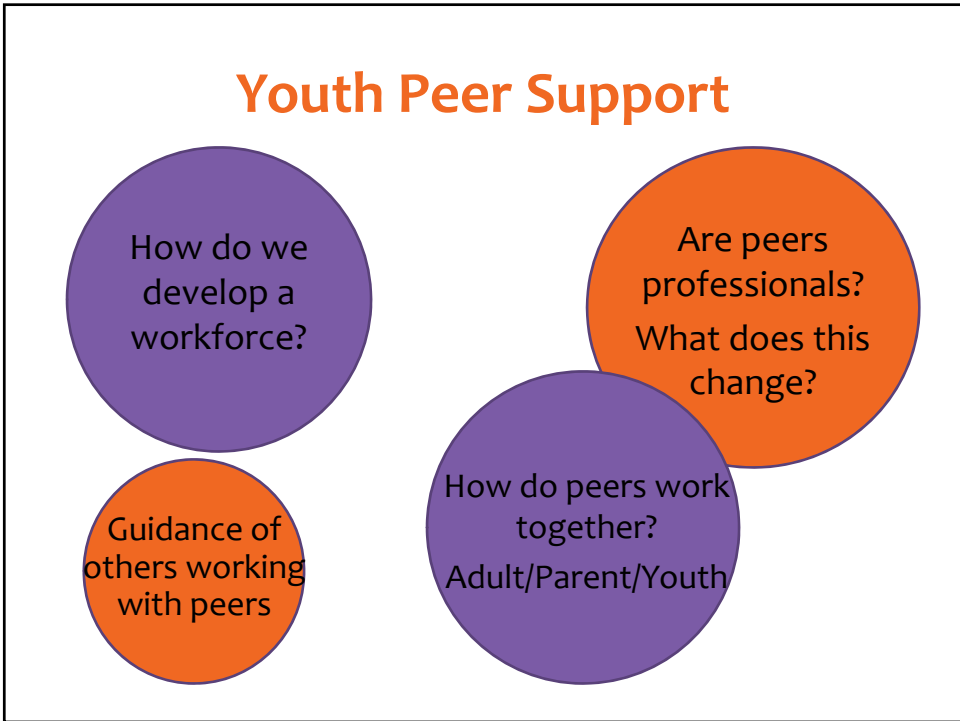
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Four Practice Groups

Personal & Professional Self Development
Youth Peer Support
Youth Engagement Strategies
Leadership & Skill Building





Youth Engagement Strategies



Leadership & Skill Building



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Open Discussion

Questions?

Comments?

Thoughts?



Next Steps

- Fill out this form to select the Practice Group(s) that you would like to participate in

<http://tinyurl.com/kvwpg6c>

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