

## SUCCESS FOR OUR TIME TODAY

Take the survey before we begin and let us know what are the barriers to building Peer Support in your department.



# THE HEALING POWER OF RELATIONSHIPS

Cultivating Connections in Peer Support

**LIGHTHOUSE**  
HEALTH AND WELLNESS.



**TRI-STATE**  
PEER SUPPORT TEAM

*Take Care of Each Other.*

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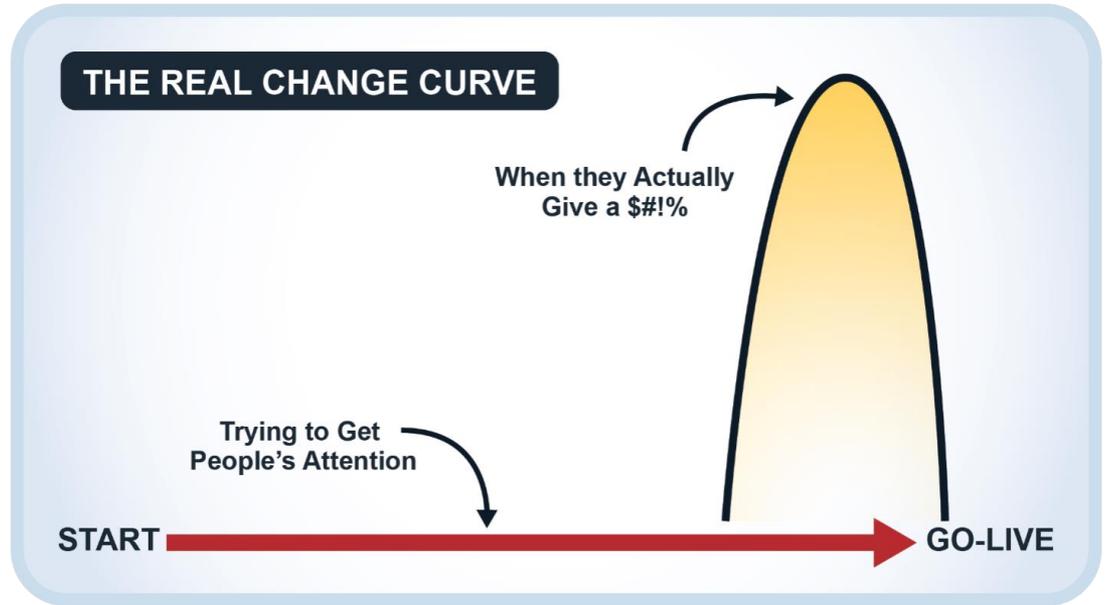
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- Peer Supporters are Change Agents in their Department.
- Social Support is the number one way people heal.
- The Process is building the relationships.



## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

- Proactive Peer Support -  
The Check-IN (vs Reactive)
- Patrol car
- Squad Bay
- Shutting down gossip
- Correcting misinformation  
about mental health
- What about FINE??



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***“It is not about the friendship  
and more about the friend.”***

– Rich Creamer

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## Actions are always building trust

- Who needs to know?
- What do they really need to know?
- Gossiping will destroy your program.



# BUILDING TRUST

*Fairness in Policies. Fairness in Adjudication of policies.*

## Policies to Consider Developing

- Peer Support
- OIS
- 3 PTE/Critical Incidents that you will always follow-up on. Make it normal.
- Have you discussed when to send for a Fit for Duty?



- LODD
- Self Disclosure of mental health issue on and off-duty
- Reintegration Policy

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- Relationships with Clinicians
- Inpatient and outpatient treatment centers
- EAP
- Chaplains
- Pet Therapy
- Other Peer Support Teams



## BUILDING SUCCESS

- Connection before Direction
- In 16-18 months- you will see an organization where (almost) everyone checks in on each other.
- INTRA shift support is proudly offered.
- Authentic language.



## SO WHAT HAPPENED

- Building Relationships
- Building Trust
- Building Success



# TRAUMA INFORMED PRINCIPLES



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### Responder Reset Podcast



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