Peer to Peer Call

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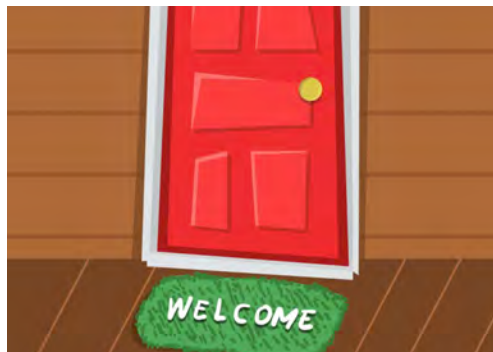4

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Introduction

- Housing First
  - Centers around providing housing first and voluntary services as needed and desired
  - Assumes that everyone is ready for housing

https://www.sccgov.org/sites/yes/solution/Pages/home.aspx

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Introduction

- Harm Reduction
  - Strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with substance use
  - Built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use substances
  - Goal is to keep people alive and encourage positive change

https://www.recoveryanswers.org/resource/drug-and-alcohol-harm-reduction/

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Agenda

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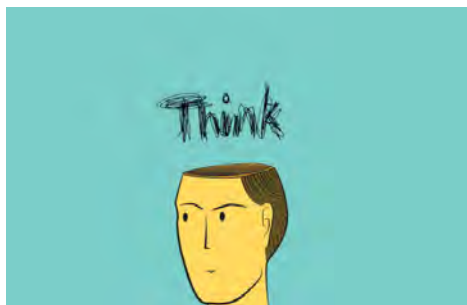- Housing First & Harm Reduction Scenario's

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Scenario 1:

- You have a client in your program that has overdosed twice, and refuses accepting assistance into a rehabilitation program. What do you do?

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Scenario 2:

- You become aware that an employee at your agency does not believe in harm reduction, and is telling clients they must accept treatment or will loose their housing. What do you do?

- Or, an employee is telling clients they must be in treatment and/or sober before they can receive help with housing. What do you do?

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Discussion:

- What challenges have you had with Housing First and Harm Reduction?
- What examples of success do you have with using Housing First and Harm Reduction?

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