

Conversation Tips About Person-Centered Recovery Planning



Goal

- Why are you here?
- What do you want to see different in your life?
- What do you want for your life?
- What are your dreams/desires/wishes for life?
- If the problem that brought you here was to be solved (gone, changed), what would you be doing?
- If you could plan your future, what would happen?
- When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

THIS BECOMES
THE "GOAL"

Barriers

- What is preventing you from accomplishing this goal?
- What are barriers/obstacles in your way? (not everyone can answer this question)
- What are your biggest stressors?

SOME EXAMPLES TO CONSIDER:

- ♦ Environmental (family/school/living situation, work situation, economic)
- ♦ Areas needed for skill development (activities of daily living, better management of symptoms)
- ♦ Intrusive or burdensome symptoms (hearing voices, irritability, confused thinking, poor anger control)
- ♦ Lack of resources (needs benefits, housing, money, transportation, medical care)
- ♦ Self defeating strategies/interests (interpersonal conflict, social isolation, fear and anxiety)
- ♦ Cultural factors (belief system about mental illness/addiction, family expectations, stigma)
- ♦ Threats to basic health and safety (risk issues, legal concerns, abuse and trauma)
- ♦ Substance use (continued drug use despite consequences, legal issues, self-medication)

THESE BECOME
THE "BARRIERS"

(they are the medical necessity for the need for services symptoms and functional impairments)

Strengths

- Have you had a time when things were going well?
- Tell me about this and what was in place to make it go well?
- Are there resources/people you can draw on to help you?
- What are you most proud of?
- Who do you like to spend time with?
- What would be the things your friends/family say you are good at/like about you?
- Do you have special interests/activities you like to do?

CONSIDERATIONS OF STRENGTHS:

- ♦ Abilities, talents, competencies, accomplishments
- ♦ Values and traditions, cultural influences
- ♦ Interests, hopes, dreams, aspirations and motivation
- ♦ Resources and assets, previous successful experiences
- ♦ Unique individual attributes (physical, psychological, performance capacities, sense of humor, etc.)
- ♦ Circumstances at home, school, work, or community that have worked well in the past
- ♦ Family members, relatives, friends, other "natural supports" in the community

Objectives

- What would it take for your life to be different?
- How might you accomplish your goal?
- If barrier X were not a problem for you or in your way anymore, what would you be doing differently?
- How would you know that you were making progress?
- What tasks/new behaviors/skills might you be willing to try?
- Which steps might you take toward your goal?
- What will be proof to you that you are getting closer to your goal?
- What will feel like a meaningful first step toward your goal?

THESE
BECOME THE
"STRENGTHS"

THESE BECOME THE SMART "OBJECTIVES"

Billable Interventions

- What can the staff here do to help?
- What do you think might be a good treatment approach for you?
- What treatment strategies have you tried in the past that might help?
- Are you aware of all the services we have to offer?

THESE BECOME THE

"BILLABLE
INTERVENTIONS"

Self-Directed Interventions

- What do you think are the personal steps that will help you accomplish these objectives?
- What do you think you might be able to do on your own?
- What activities help you to relax or stay calm?

THESE BECOME THE "SELF-DIRECTED INTERVENTIONS (NON-BILLABLE)"

Natural Support Interventions

- How might others in your support system that you described earlier be of help?
- Who/where else in the community might you get some help?
- What can your family or other supporters do to help you reach your goals (for examples, help me study for a permit exam, help me get to my workplace, remind me to take medications)?

THESE BECOME THE
"NATURAL SUPPORTER
INTERVENTIONS
(NON-BILLABLE)"