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Compassionate Communication

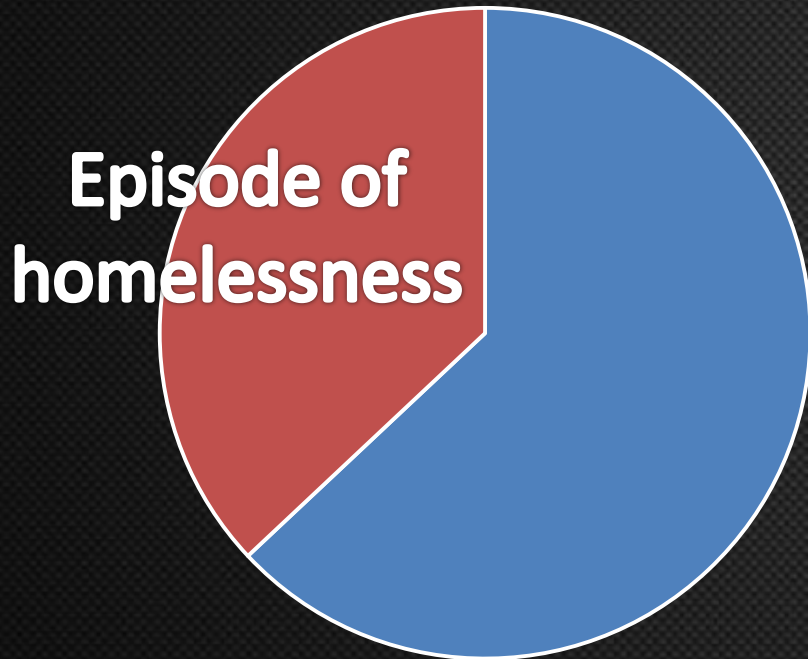
A participatory action research study with homeless young adults

Tim Huffman

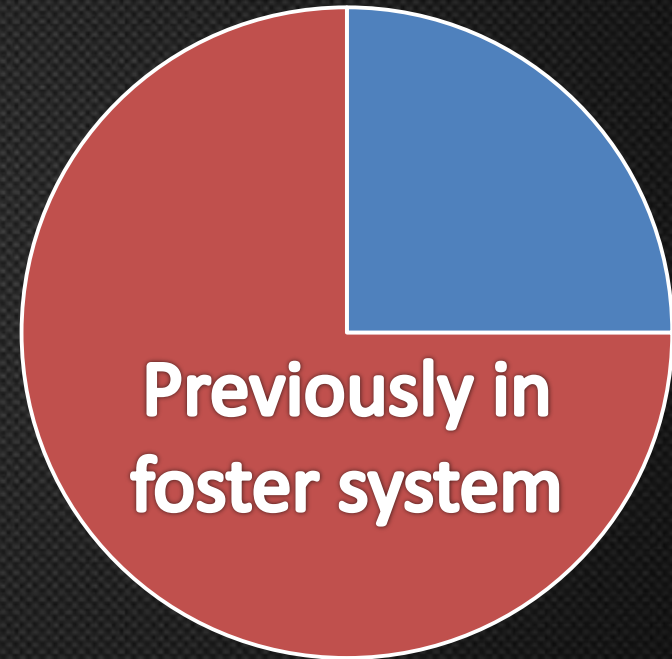
Assistant Professor, Loyola Marymount University



Foster Young Adults



Homeless Young Adults



community-based
participatory
action
qualitative
research

	Positive	Negative
Helpful	<p>Real food, Celebrate success, Funny, Reasonable expectations, Ordinary interactions, Give a shit, Interactions to look forward to, Calm, collecting of information, Listened intently, Help with bureaucracy, Homework, Food handlers card, Confidence building , Professional development</p>	<p>High expectations Disproving doubters Detailed intake</p>
Unhelpful	<p>Policy conversations Interaction with other clients</p>	<p>Pisses me off, Insulting, False accusations, Unwelcoming, Judged because of friends, Demotivation, No comfort zone, Being preached at</p>

Communication received

poorly

Repetitive

Just there

for a paycheck

Staring at the

computer

Disrespectful/rude

well

Smiling

Remembering names

Eye contact

Following up

Willing to suffer with

Noticing something

is wrong

presence
indicates
care

“They keep showing up don’t they darn it?! They come here, they work here. If they keep showing up, they care. And that’s what counts to me. Seriously.

- Amber

“They wouldn’t be there if they didn’t give a shit.”

- Elliot

“To me, its time. You can give me stuff, and that’s nice. But if you spend five minutes with me, I’ll remember you forever.”

- Tracy

“The volunteers stand in a 100-degree kitchen and cook bacon, pancakes, and eggs for two hours. And then maybe another hour later they go back into that same 100-degree kitchen and make lunch. If that’s not compassion, then what is?”

- CJ

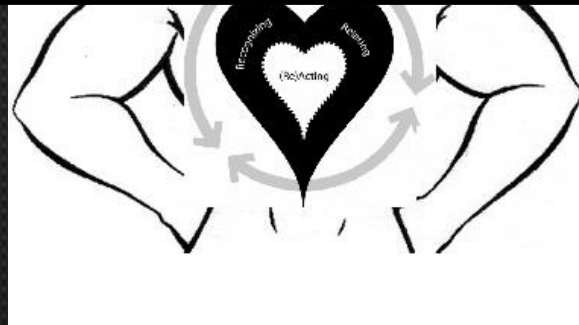
embodied aboutness
physical presence
and
immediacy
or
acts of service

Noticing

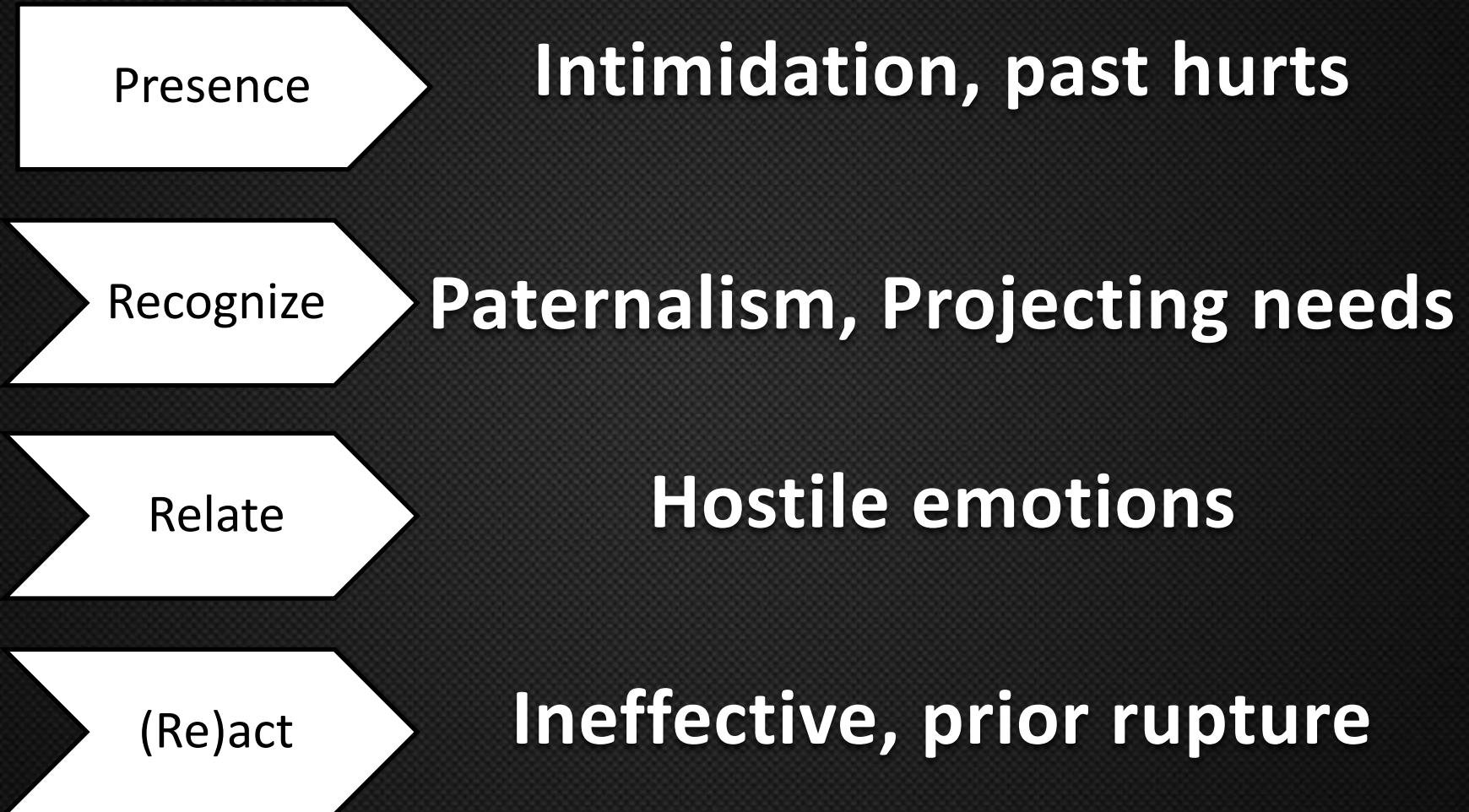


> Responding

Embodied Aboutness



Ruptures in Compassion



	With	For	Against
Presence			
Recognize			
Relate			
(Re)act			

care

community

growth/healing

wellbeing

WHERE DO FROM
WE WE HERE
GO



PRACTICE COMPASSION

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