



Survivor Engagement Strategy: Social network development and restoration-focused casemanagement

Overview: The Staff at Hope Springs work with survivors to form new social connections and also to restore ones that were harmed or lost during their experience of abuse. We work to facilitate connections among survivors within the program and within the community by hosting gatherings, attending community events, connecting survivors with community groups that align with their interests, providing rides for community events and encouraging survivors to re-engage with their families.

Successes: In agency evaluations, survivors have reported how much these efforts to establish and mend relationships has meant to them. One survivor reported that she had been able to rebuild five family relationships while she was in the program. Another survivor reported that she'd been assisted in building community and social connections from her first day in the program.

Challenges: While helping do these things we have faced some barriers and we have had to be creative to make sure things work. We have hosted many different types of gatherings, some have been a big success, others have not. We struggle not having a PR person to help promote things so that our community and survivors know what we have planned. While we have a van, we have many who need transportation and sometimes we can't meet the needs of everyone. It is hard for survivors to get involved with things in our community if they are not from here. We struggle finding ways to make this an easy adjustment for them.

How we pay for it: We use funding that that our community donates to us. We have some organizations who contribute by putting on events at their business to raise money. Some schools collect money by having Jean Friday that their facility participates in. This is a super easy way for them to do something for their community and have fun while doing so.

For more information: Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to hear more about Hope Springs' work to help survivors build and restore their social networks. Contact Megan Lyons, Facilities & Shelter Services Director, at: hopesprings076@gmail.com