# **Building a Coaching Culture**

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In my early professional years I was asking the question: How can I treat, or cure, or change this person?

Now I phrase the question in this way:

How can I provide a relationship which this person may use for his own personal growth?

Carl Rodgers
Father of Humanism, Psychology

# What is Coaching?

Coaching is a personcentered, strengthbased way of working with others that helps them direct the changes they want to make in their own lives.

### Coaching **is**:



**Active Listening** 



**Powerful Questions** 



Individualized and Self Directed

### Coaching **is not**:



Passive and Distracted Listening



**Authoritative Statements** 



Generic, Agency or Caseworker Directed



# Coaching as a Case Management Tool



Coaching is an effective way to engage and build rapport with **participants**.



Coaching promotes independence, builds problemsolving skills, and helps participants **realize their strengths**.



Coaching techniques are useful through the **case management phases** of intake, assessment, goal-setting, and follow-up.



## PCG Human Services Coaching Framework™



Person

Centered





Goal

Driven

Sustainable Change Monitoring & Evaluation





# A Person-Centered Approach:

...recognizes choice and complexity



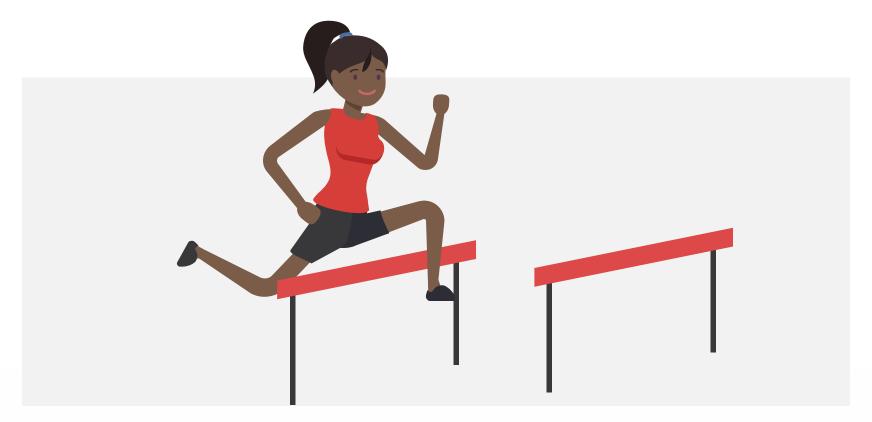


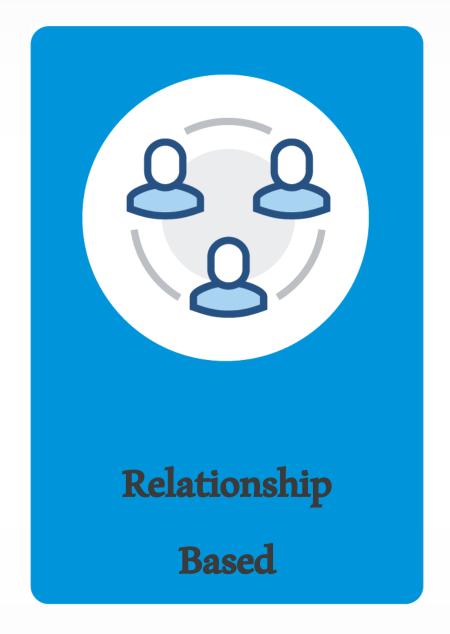
# ...develops the participant's sense of ownership





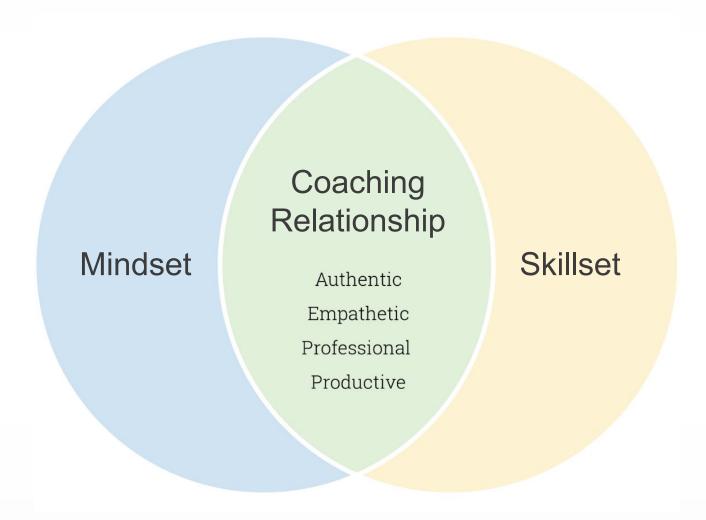
# ....recognizes barriers, but leverages strengths to overcome them







# **Components of a Coaching Relationship**

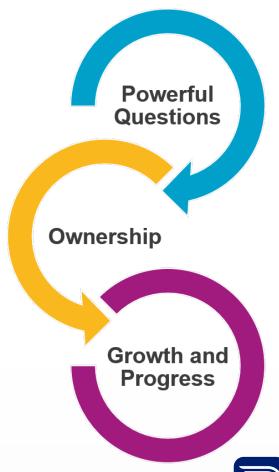


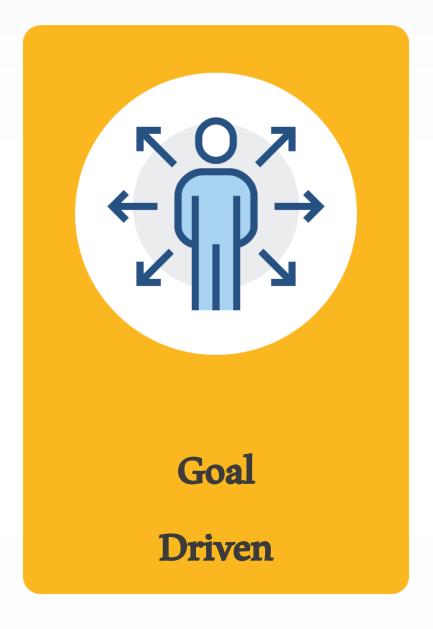
# **Tools for Building a Coaching Relationship**

### **Active Listening**



### **Powerful Questions**





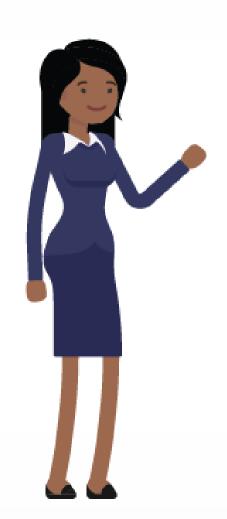


# Research Says Goals Make a Difference





# **Best Practices in Goal Setting**



- ✓ Specific goals work better (SMART, STAR)
- ✓ People should set their own goals
- ✓ Rewarding progress is more effective than punishing setbacks
- ✓ Short-term goals lead to progress -break tasks into smaller parts
  (Scaffolding, Scaling)

# The "Coaching Mindset": Supporting Skill Development







### Partnership of Equals

A partnership that honors person's expertise and experience

### Ownership

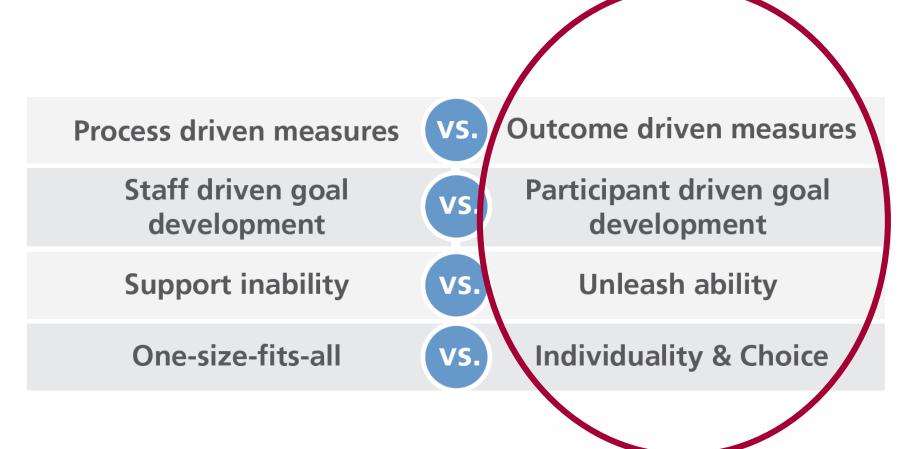
Progress is made when individuals are in the driver's seat of their journey

### Choice

The participant is resourceful and can choose how he/she responds to life



# **Impact to Programs**





# **Coaching in the Aloha State**



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#### **Child Care Program Office**

(Child Care Tuition Assistance, Child Care Licensing, State-Funded Prog)

#### **Employment and Training Program Office**

(TANF Work Program "First-To-Work")

#### **Financial Assistance Program Office**

(TANF, LIHEAP, State-Funded Programs)

**Homeless Programs Office** 

SNAP Office and SNAP E&T

#### **Statewide Branch – Operations**

(Processing Centers, Child Care Licensing Units, TANF Work Prog Units)





# `OHANA NUI (means 'large or extended family')

- State initiative DHS lead agency
- Based on the national framework and principles of twogeneration (2Gen) approach developed by Ascend at the Aspen Institute
- Service Delivery from program-based to family-centric approach
- Act 82, SLH 2019, amended Hawaii Revised Statute §26-14:

"The department shall administer programs through an integrated and multigenerational approach designed to improve the social well-being, economic security, and productivity of the people of the State and to reduce incidence of intergenerational poverty and dependence upon public benefits."





# **Change the Culture in BESSD**

### Implement the principles of 'Ohana Nui

- Statewide Branch improve operations (quantity vs. quality)
- Invest in staff's professional development develop formal training for all supervisors
- Integrate coaching into training curricula supervisors, program-specific
- Expanded scope to provide coaching training division-wide
  - All administrators
  - All unit supervisors statewide (eligibility staff, work program staff, child care licensing workers, investigations staff)





# **Expand Supportive Services for Families**

## FIRST-TO-WORK PROGRAM (TANF)

- Initial plan coaching tool for First-To-Work (TANF) case manager and supervisors
- Integrate 2Gen approach Ascend at the Aspen Institute
- Expand supportive services address needs of the parents, children, and family unit
- Professional development
  - Domestic Violence (Child and Family Service & YWCA of Kauai)
  - VR Case Management (University of Hawaii, Center on Disability Studies)
  - Motivational Interviewing (University of Hawaii, School of Social Work)
  - Financial Literacy (University of Hawaii, Center on Disability Studies)
  - o [Future] Trauma-Informed
- Coaching Framework and Sustainable Change





# Coaching Framework & Sustainable Change

- March 2019 Kick-Off Meeting
  - Focus Group Discussions Administrators, FTW Units, Processing Centers
  - PCG Site Visits to Processing Centers and FTW Units

Pohulani Processing Center (East Oahu)

Kona Processing Center (West Hawaii)

Downtown II FTW Unit (East Oahu)

Kona FTW Unit (West Hawaii)

Waipahu Process Center (West Oahu)

Maui Processing Center

Waipahu FTW Unit (West Oahu)

Maui FTW Unit

- Day-to-day operations identify "touch points" where coaching can occur
- State's Performance Appraisal System (PAS) for state employees
- Train-the-trainers integrate into training curricula for programs
- Three cohort groups administrators, supervisors, FTW case managers
  - Three all-day training sessions
  - Sustainability Plan coaching circles, coaching champions, TA, monthly coaching tips, mindset survey
  - Cohort group 4 administrators, program specialists, supervisors, case managers



**#MOACHING** in the Granite



# New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

There is a new Division of Economic & Housing Stability (DEHS) within the family of Human Services & Behavioral Health. Our Division will play a key role in promoting a more holistic, multi-generational and integrated approach for high risk individuals, families and children. We are realigned into five new Bureaus.

Bureau of Family Assistance

Bureau of Child Support Services

Bureau of Housing Supports Bureau of Child Development & Head Start Collaboration

Bureau of Employment Supports





"Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime."

~ Chinese Proverb

# Why Coaching? Why Now?

Timing is everything....opportunity to align with refresh and New Hampshire Whole Family Approach and a need to update tools and resources.

## **Motivational Interviewing** 2008 to Coaching 2019 = **#MOACHING!**

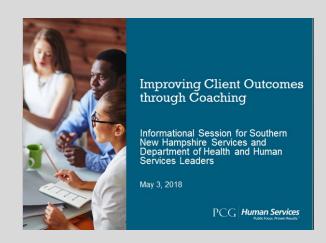


### **#MOACHING Timeline**

- Provided Coaching information for leaders and field staff, including division and interagency representatives, stakeholders, and partners.
  - Also included contracted partners, field staff, and management
- Aha! Moment: Communication is critical and having all key participants at the table together is essential for immersion in coaching and for a parallel process to ensue
- Importance of slowing down to gain ground by concentrating on one task at a time, and laying out a foundational strategy for buy-in and real change

### **Timeline**

- Leadership training May 2018
- All Staff training June 2019
- Roll out "Road to My Goal"

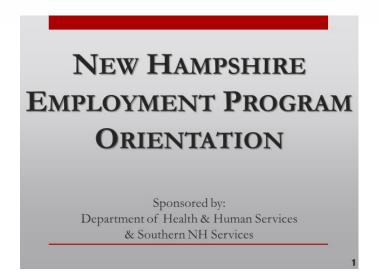


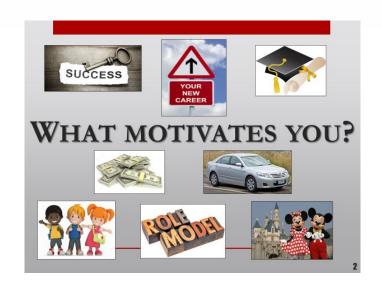


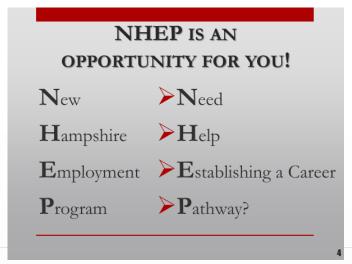
# Now You Try It: Road to My Goal

New Hampshire's new #MOACHING Goal Setting tool

# **NHEP Orientation starts with Goal Setting**

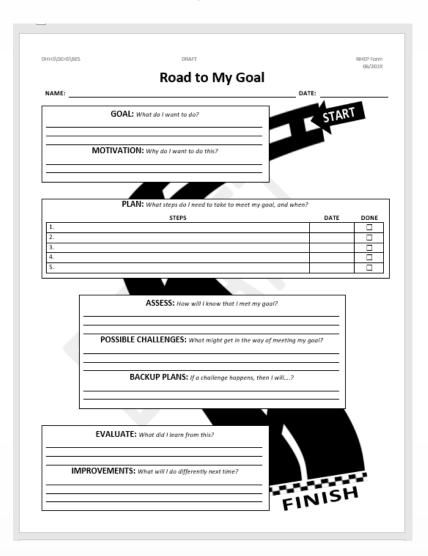








# Road to My Goal



- Implemented as part of NHEP Orientation
- Pilot program ongoing now
- Survey results for August being collected as we speak

#### **Instructions**

- Pair up with a partner
- Use Coaching techniques (powerful questions, active listening) to help your partner fill out their Goal
- Identify a real goal (professional or personal)



# **Considerations for Implementation**

### **Considerations**

- ✓ Design a program that fits each state ... what works in New Hampshire ... may not make sense in Hawaii
- √ Change Readiness
  - ✓ How ready is your state to implement a change?
  - ✓ How you measure success? For staff? For participants?
  - ✓ Generate buy-in at all levels and encourage leaders to model desired behaviors
  - ✓ Be patient: Change doesn't happen overnight

#### ✓ Evaluation

- Mindset Survey measuring how "in tune" with the Coaching mindset leadership and staff are before and after training
- ✓ Staff Surveys of new tools measuring impact of the Road to my Tool







# **Questions**

