

Thursday - May 11th, 2023

Start: 10:00 AM End: 3:15 PM

Location: Community Partners Center for Health and Human Services
2506 N. Broad Street, Colmar, PA 18915

Intro to Harm Reduction

In this session, presenters will provide an introduction to harm reduction practice as it applies to individuals engaged in all types of high risk behaviors. Attendees will explore the relationship between risk and trauma, the inherent dangers of shame and isolation, and the impact of stigma on vulnerable populations. Presenters will assist attendees in understanding their own experiences of harm reduction in daily life, and the importance of promoting safety and bodily autonomy as harm reduction's primary goals. Attendees will explore the outcomes of harm reduction practice, connect their passion for the helping profession with the responsibility to center clients' self-identified goals, and walk away from this session with a greater understanding of key harm reduction principles as practical and effective clinical solutions.

The Housing First Philosophy

The Housing First model has been in use in the United States since the late 1980's, yet many still regard it as a radical and high-risk intervention. Common misconceptions of Housing First as an "anything goes" approach have prevented more widespread adoption of this proven successful innovation in addressing homelessness for those with psychiatric disabilities and substance use disorders. In this session, attendees will learn about the philosophy and guiding principles of the Housing First model and compare success rates of Housing First against those in traditional linear-residential treatment models. Attendees will explore the both benefits and challenges of working from a Housing First approach, and discuss the vital role of harm reduction in working with Housing First program participants.

Please RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/3J8hxlN>

For questions or concerns, contact:

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