Assessing Barriers & Enhancing Partnerships

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Assessing Barriers

Grounding:
• Barriers that survivors encounter are not their fault or their problem
• Barriers are ways that our services and other systems block survivors’ access to support, safety, health & success
• Offenders exploit barriers in the ways they offend and the victims they select

Barriers include
• Space
• Language
• Money
• Time
• Legal
• Beliefs & Attitudes
Exercise

1. In small groups, read scenario
2. Identify barriers that a survivor may encounter:
   - Space
   - Language
   - Money
   - Time
   - Legal
   - Beliefs & Attitudes

Enhancing Partnerships

- There are many strategies to reduce and eliminate barriers
- One way is to work with partners
- Partners may come from other fields, disciplines or movements
- Partnerships exist on a continuum and may be stronger or weaker over time

Partnership
Exercise

- Return to small groups with the barriers you identified a moment ago
- Identify potential partners (new or existing) who you could work with to address the barriers
- Brainstorm tools for building partnerships

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