

ENGAGING STAFF REMOTELY WITH COMPASSION & CARE

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A conscious intent to enact compassion and care may influence a reduction in staff anxiety and fear of the unknown during uncertain times such as that of the current pandemic. Observations shared from S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Settlement & Family Services, serving BC newcomers in both urban (Greater Vancouver) and rural (Fort St. John) settings.

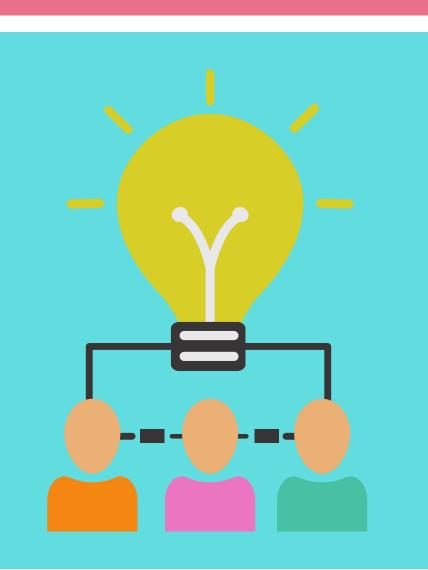
Health & Safety Protocols Collective Care Clear Communication Staff Training & Disseminated Follow-Ups Comprehensive Guidelines Responded to **Consultations with Emerging Needs of Health Authorities** Staff & WorkSafeBC Adherence to **Health Authorities** & WorkSafeBC Recommendations

- Model and support circles of care & self-care initiatives
- Take into account a traumainformed, anti-oppression lens



Connect Regularly

- 1-1 and team opportunities to stay connected
- Virtual training options



Flexible & Adaptable Leadership



- Lead with empathy
- Acknowledge one's own vulnerability
- Modify service plans
- Individual staff work accommodations

Tech Support



- Assess current technology
- Increase staff capacity through IT coaching and information sharing
- Factor in time for individual staff to learn and adapt to working remotely

Recommended Resources

- Government of Canada COVID-19: Working Remotely
- Center for Workplace Mental Health Working Remotely During COVID-19 CWMH Guide
- Provincial Workplace Safety & Health Board E.g: BC - WorkSafe BC; ON - WSIB
- Canada School of Public Safety COVID-19: Working Remotely - Tips for Team Members
- Cyber Security Awareness Month (CSAM) https://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/en/cybersecurity-awareness-month



Let's Share!

- How has your organization offered compassionate supervision to your virtual team?
- What tools and skills is your organization using to ensure staff support and continued productivity?



Stay Connected!



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