

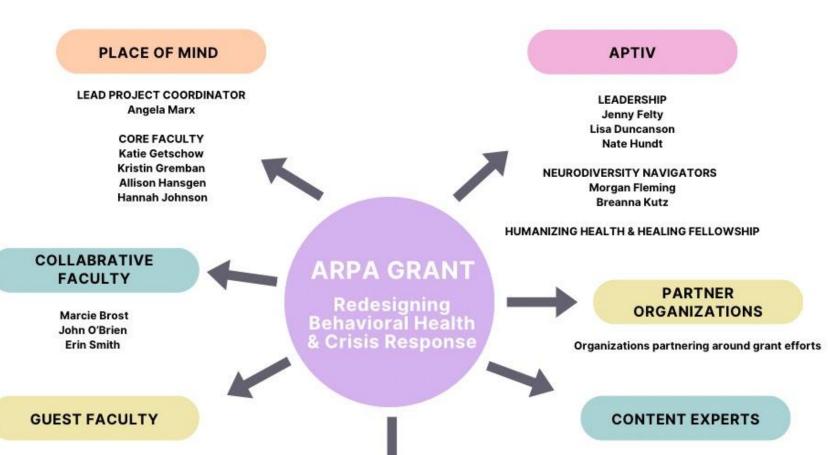


THROUGH HOLISTIC HEALTH & NEURODIVERSITY

IN THE CONTEXT OF DISABILITY & LONG-TERM CARE



Cocreating With..



Specialized providers, individuals with lived experience as neurodivergent emerging adults receiving long-term care services, and carers of neurodivergent emerging adults receiving long-term care services who assist in the delivery of content throughout grant efforts

STAKEHOLDERS

The broader community who is invested in building workforce capacity; crisis-response and prevention; and reducing unnecessary hospital admissions

Those with lived experience as neurodivergent emerging adults receiving long-term care services and carers of neurodivergent emerging adults receiving long-term care services who inform and co-create content shared throughout grant efforts

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When stuff comes up (concerning behaviors/ crisis/ mental health emergencies)....

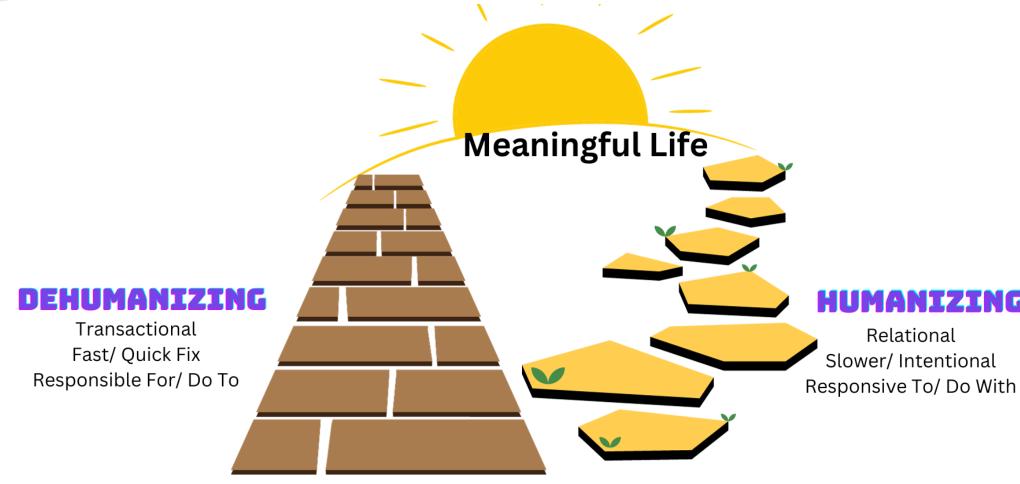


The human gets lost





Co-Creating A Different Path as a Common Sense Response





The Redesign: HUMANIZING

Neurodiversity

- Differences not defecits
- Inclusion & accessibility
- Supports & accommodations

Health & Wellness

- Brain & body science
- Lived experience
- Individualized

Self-Advocacy

- Understanding self
- Identity
- Everyday life decisions

Psychosocial/Human Needs

- Support network
- Citizenship
- Basic human needs



Co-Creating A Different Path as a Common Sense Response

Stabilization

Restriction

Normalization

Conformity

Control

Compliance

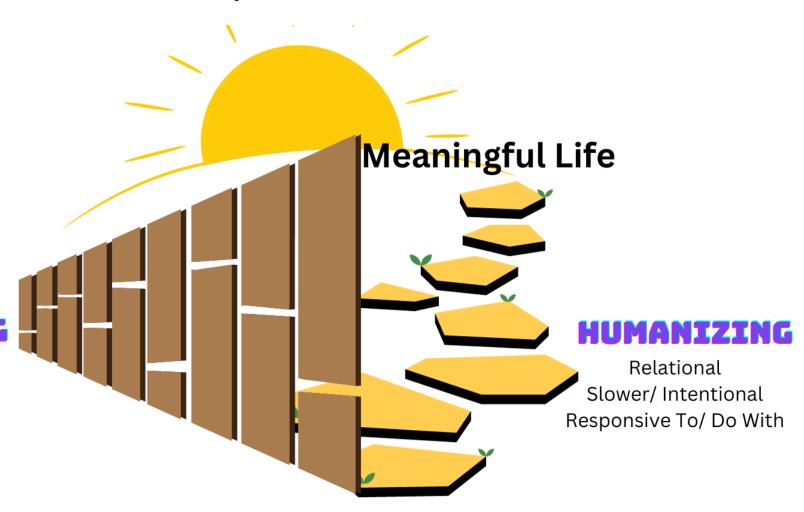
Power Over

Social Exclusion

Right/ Wrong

DEHUMANIZING

Transactional
Fast/ Quick Fix
Responsible For/ Do To





THE WALL

Loss of community	Isolation	Loss of agency
IMD Admissions	ER Utilization	Reliance on police
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Devaluation & Social Exclusion

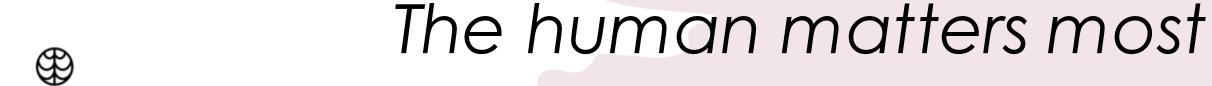
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Disrupting the Social Exclusion of Neurodivergent Emerging Adults



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Creating capacity and community to enhance quality of life; promote wellness; and address inclusion & citizenship.



Intentions

Advocacy

- Better understanding of self and psychosocial & support needs
- Practical strategies and support to prevent crisis and feel better prepared to respond to concerns when they are experienced

Inform

- Crisis prevention & response models
- Children & adult HCBS system
- To reduce admissions and readmissions of crisis hospitalizations

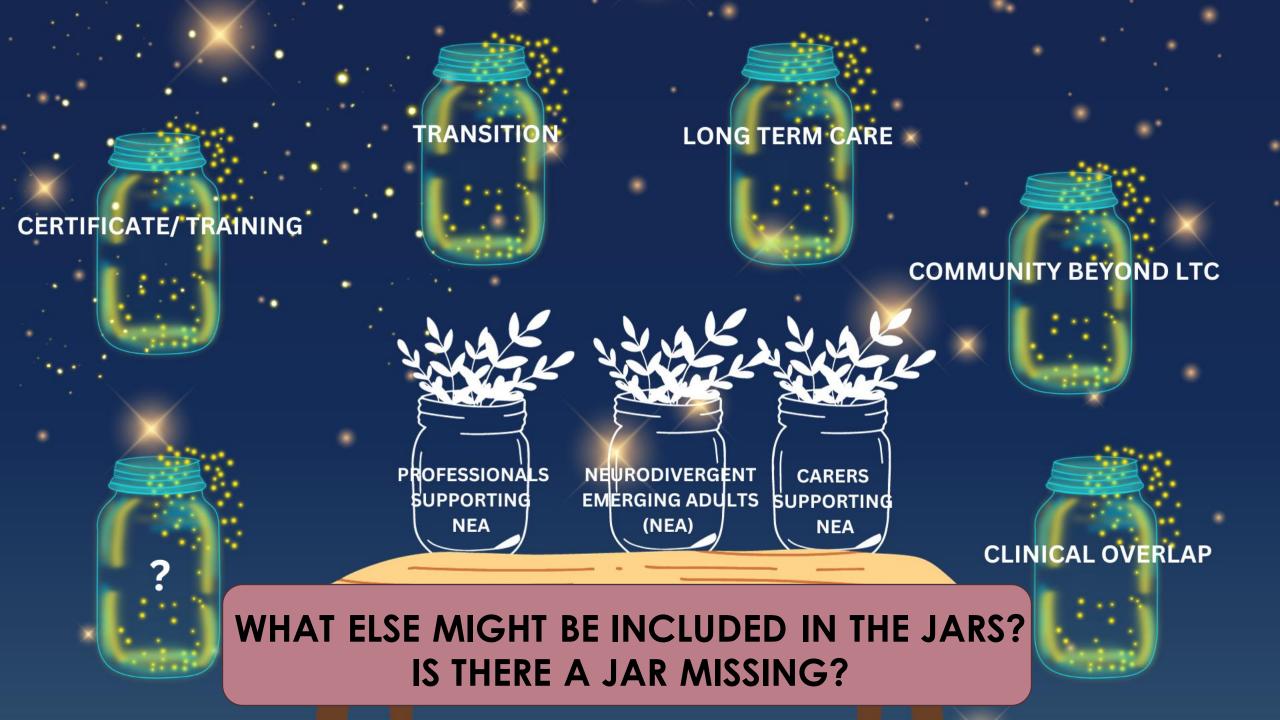
Community

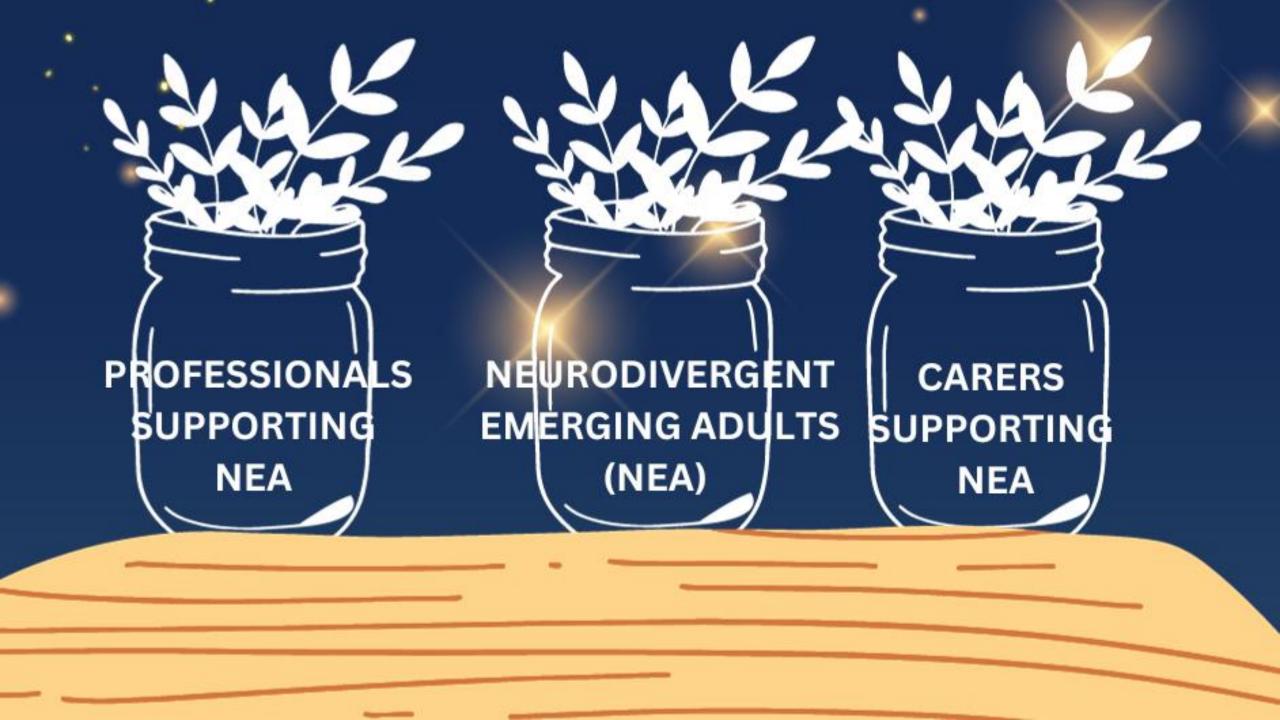
- Communities of care & support
- Opportunities for members become moderators/ facilitators (peer support)
- Specialized certifications and career development opportunities

Build Capacity

- Priority on psychosocial needs and advocacy in everyday life
- Diversity in support that counters isolation
- Alternatives to restrictions and rights limitations







Professionals Supporting NEA: Humanizing Health & Healing Fellowship

- 6 weeks with Aptiv leadership
 - Orientation to humanizing
 - Co-created fellowship opportunity specific to Aptiv
 - Identified fellows
- 2.5 hour virtual sessions over 18 weeks with fellows
 - 6 weeks foundational experiential learning
 - 100% of fellows chose to continue
 - 12 weeks of continued experiential learning with opportunities to integrate
- Co-created a humanizing curriculum for professionals
- Overall, fellows reported more confidence in understanding and supporting psychosocial needs after 18 weeks



Co-Learning with Fellows: Reflections from the Fellowship

Samantha Kanouse Morgan Fleming Savvas Mourtzis Cassy Behm



Cassy's Reflections...

On Caregivers/ Providers

- "It allowed us to reflect on our jobs and curate strategies that would allow for more energy rather than depletion."
- "Providers and mental health professionals cannot provide quality care and support to those who are in need if we are depleted, not cared for, or not supported."
- "It is important in this field that we also take time to care for ourselves so we can provide the best possible care for those that we serve."

On Joining with Individuals

- "A lot of discussion is had with an individual's care team which in turn leads to decisions being made by those entities rather than the individual."
- "This fellowship has allowed me to broaden my perspective with those we serve and ask the questions directly to them. Hearing the words directly out of the participant's mouth has opened up opportunities for participants and uncovered things I did not know before."
- "Quieting out the noise around and focusing on the individual's wants and needs for their own life has been a change in mindset that I am very grateful for following this fellowship."



Professionals Supporting NEA: Neurodiversity Navigators at Aptiv

- Introducing Morgan and Breanna
- Humanizing within Aptiv
- Partnering with other groups, individuals, efforts
- Co-facilitating groups
- Joint exploration and emergence of position



Professionals Supporting NEA

REFLECTING UPON

ABLEISM, OPPRESSION,

PROFESSIONAL & RELATIONAL BOUNDARIES

SUPPORTS & ACCOMMODATIONS

NEURODIVERSITY

THE HISTORY OF DISABILITY

RELATIONSHIPS

INTERSECTION OF MENTAL HEALTH

TRAUMA, STRESS, & HEALING

ENERGY REGULATION

OUTCOMES & GOALS

MEANING & PURPOSE

SEE/ FOCUS
ON THE
HUMAN NOT
THE BEHAVIOR

DETECT & PUSH BACK ON ABLEISM TO OFFER GREATER POSSIBILITIES

DISMANTLE POWER DYNAMICS BY JOINING WITH & CO-CREATING

PROCEED WITH CURIOSITY RATHER THAN JUDGEMENT

SIT WITH AMBIGUITY & UNCERTAINTY VS. QUICK FIXES

IMPACT

THINK CRITICALLY & CREATIVELY FROM A NEURODIVERSITY-AFFIRMATIVE LENS



Neurodivergent Emerging Adults (NEA)

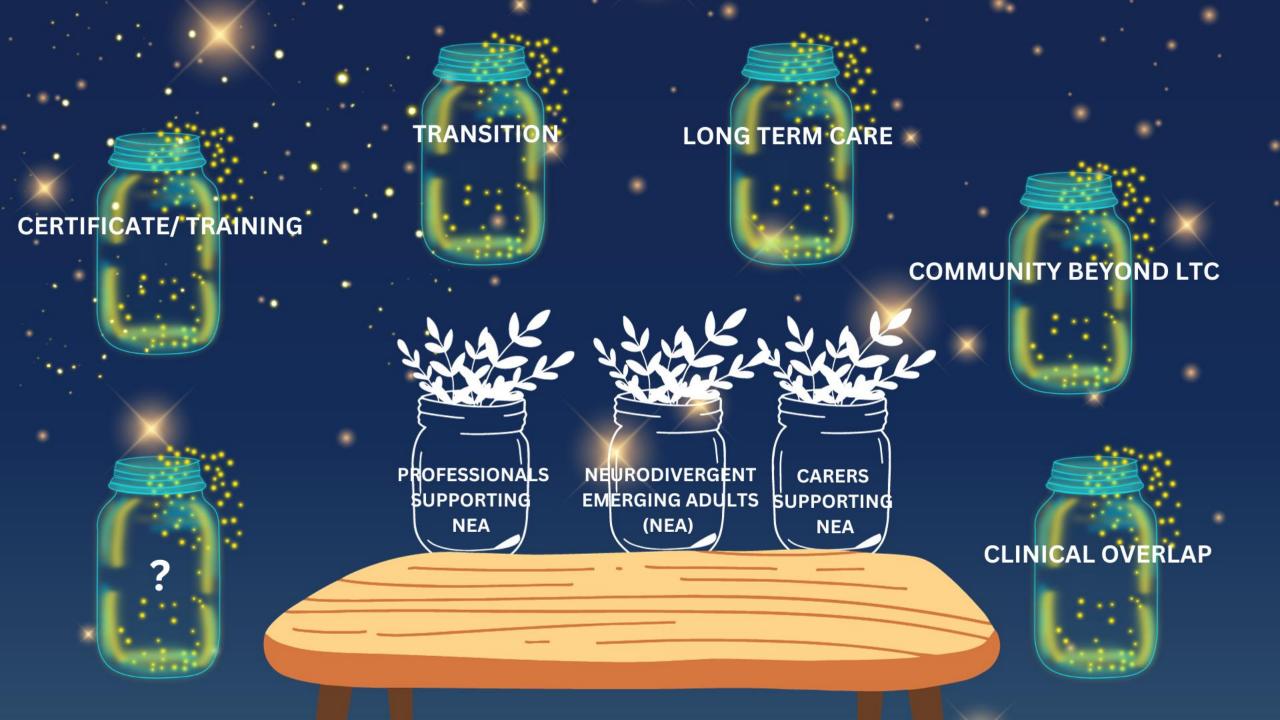
- Individualized Co-Learning
- Group opportunity co-facilitated by Aptiv/ Neurodiversity Navigators (November-April)
 - Self-advocacy in everyday life
 - Experiences and opportunity in a safe and supportive space
- Co-creating a curriculum with NEA's as content experts
- Community of care and support

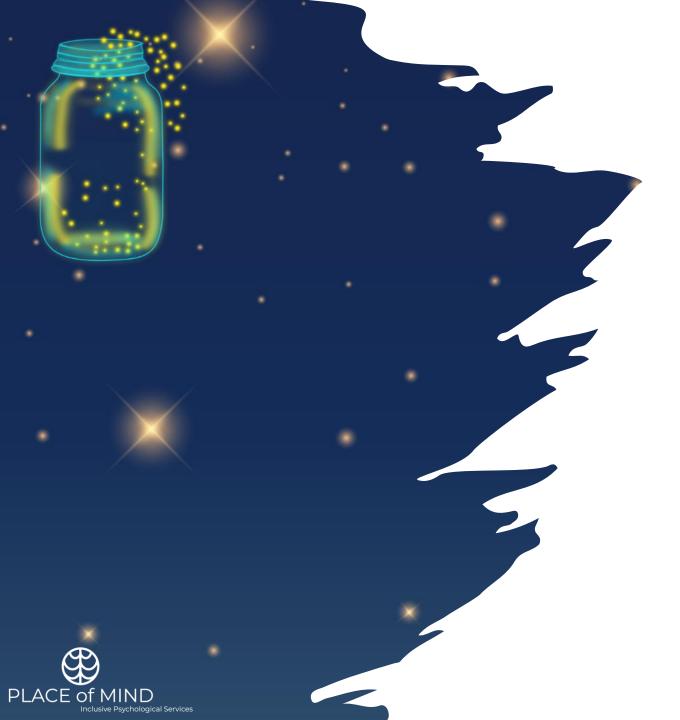


Carers Supporting NEA

- Individualized Co-Learning
- Group opportunity co-facilitated by Aptiv/ Neurodiversity Navigators
 - Learning with and informed by NEA group
- Co-creating a curriculum with Carers and NEA's as content experts
- Community of care and support

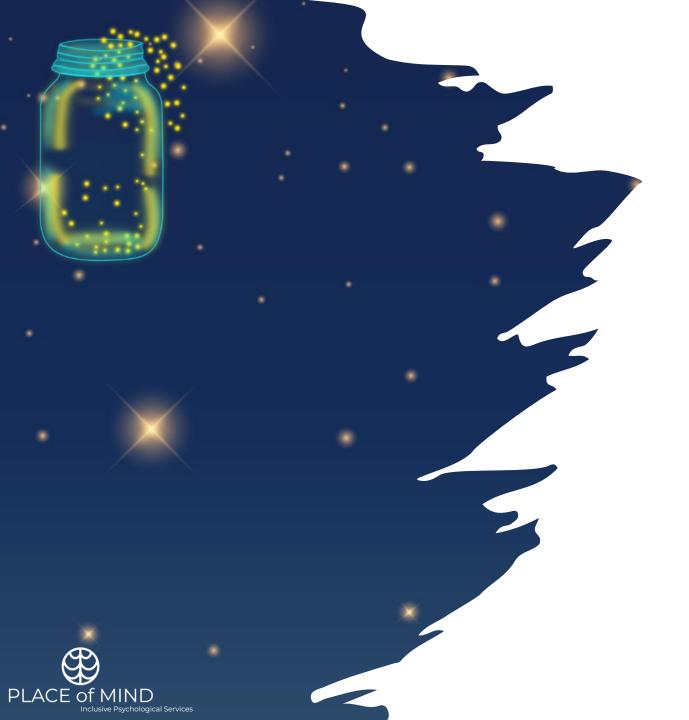






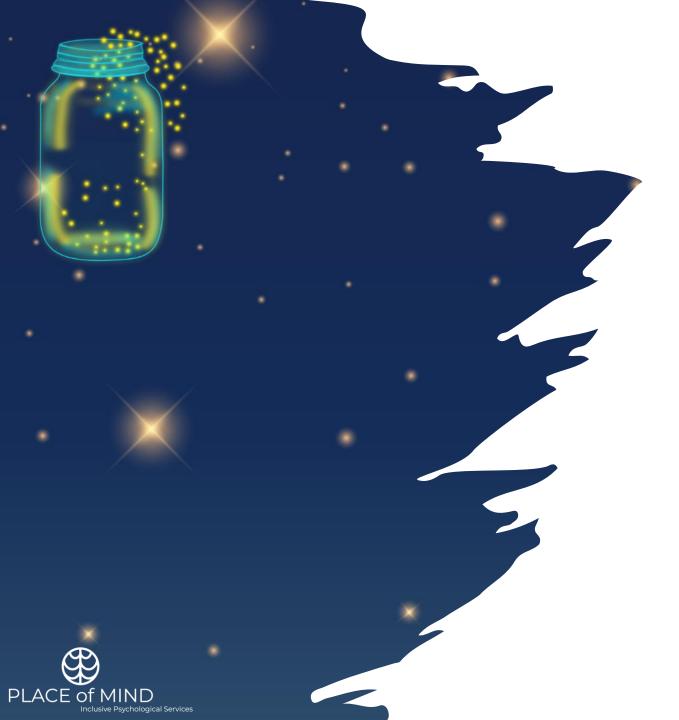
Training/ Certification

- Co-creating Humanizing Curriculum with neurodivergent emerging adults, professionals, carers
 - Affirms neurodiversity
 - Reclaims, redefines, and seeks wellness for all
 - Interrogates the systems
- Upcoming training series for all



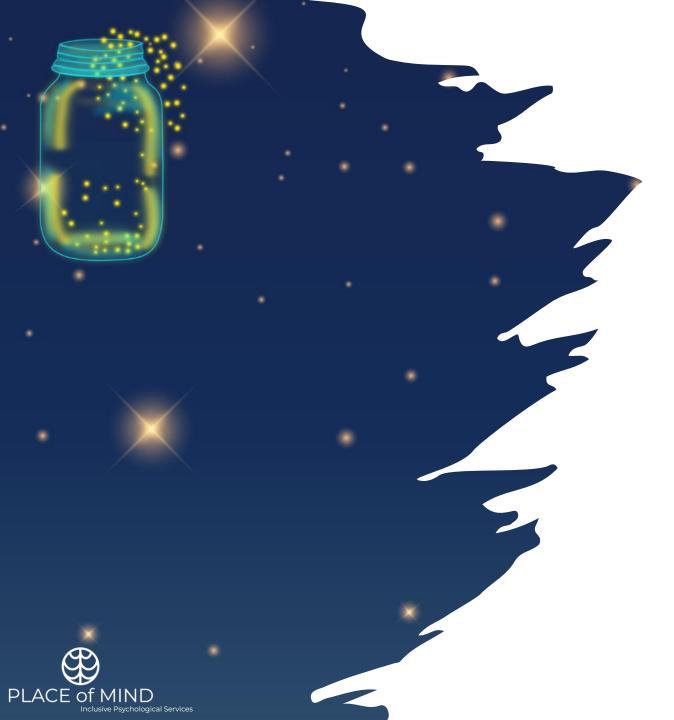
Transition

- Schools
- Services
- Systems
- Coalitions & initiatives
- Eligibility
- Healthcare
- Living & life



Long-Term Care

- Transition of systems, services, supports
- Loss of structure, support, socialization
- Making decisions about life that becomes more difficult to change and adjust as continue to develop and evolve
- Guardianship & family considerations: doing for vs doing with
- Allowing for time, growth, experiences
 - Risks and trying things out-"Learn by living"



Beyond Long-Term Care

- Community partners
- Physical and mental health care
- Legal system



Clinical Overlap

- Collaboration with physical and mental health care providers and systems
- Disability and neurodiversity affirmative mental health
- Neurodiversity affirmative assessment tool



An APRA-HCBS Grant

Redesigning Behavioral Health & Crisis Response

December

Neurodiversity & Disability: What We Make of Brain & Body **Differences**

Consider what it means to respect differences and value diversity to make sure we are not contributing to the oppression of neurodivergent and disabled populations.

MADISON, WI

March

2024

Humanizing Mental Health & Neurodivergent Flourishing

Gain a better understanding of the things that really impact our mental health and foster genuine happiness, health, and flourishing across the lifespan for fellow humans. LA CROSSE, WI

May

Trauma's Influence on the Brain, Body, & Behavior: **Promoting Healing & Well-Being**

Explore the impact of trauma and stress on the lives of neurodivergent individuals and how to proactively support "difficult behaviors" while promoting health and well-being. MILWAUKEE, WI

August

Each offered in-person & virtually

Community Conversations specific to grant efforts to follow in-person offerings

session



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Looking Beneath the Surface of "Challenging Behavior"

> Discover alternative models for understanding what challenging behaviors represent and how to best support people who experience them.

> > WAUSAU, WI

What's Coming Up...

Learning Sessions

•In-person, virtual, and recorded options

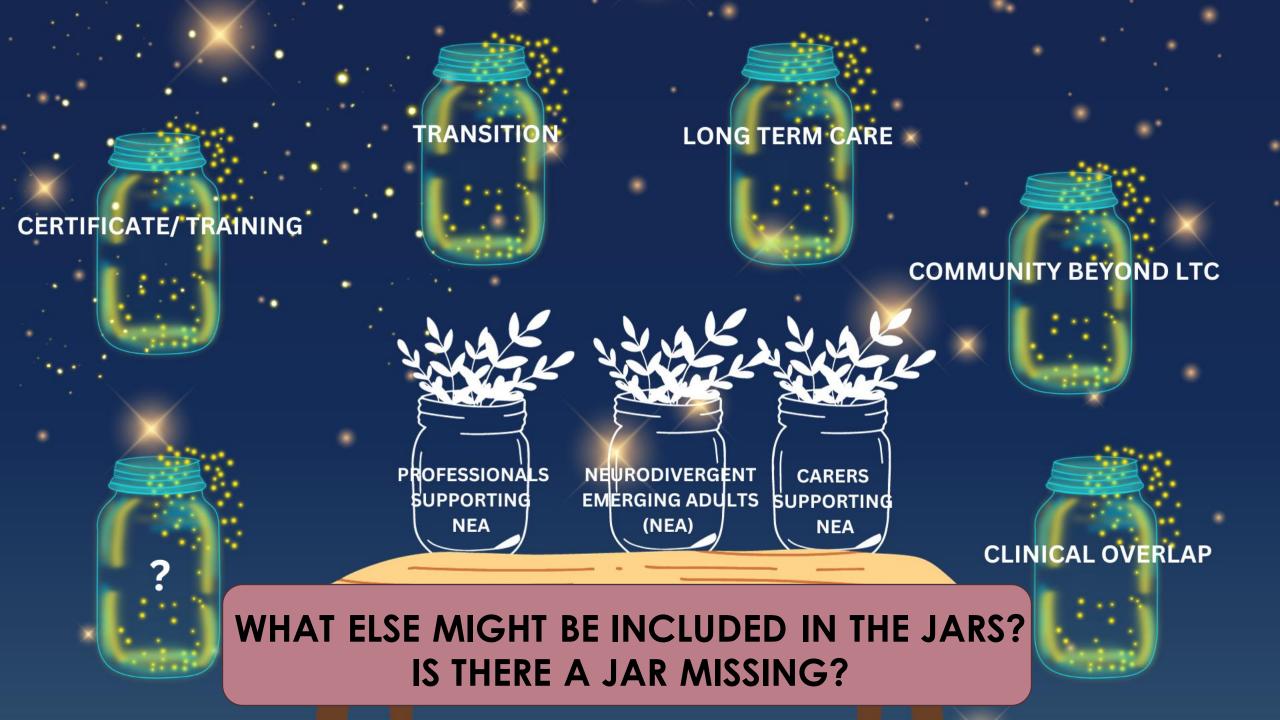
Community Conversations

- In-person options following learning sessions
- Virtual option

Newsletter

Partnership Opporunities

Communities of Care & Support Collective Platform



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WOULD YOU ADD ANY BRICKS TO THE WALL?





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