Meaningful Partnerships Between Researchers and Lived Experience Experts in High-Quality Research

CONSIDERATIONS & RESOURCES FROM THE 21ST CENTURY RESEARCH AGENDA FOR A CHILD & FAMILY WELL-BEING SYSTEM

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Today's Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Introductions & Workshop Goals
- 2. Overview of 21st Century Research Agenda Project
- 3. Introduction of Brief For Funders
- 4. Panel Discussion on Lived Experience & Researchers & Partners Working Together (Based on 21st Century Research Agenda Project)
- 5. Brainstorming & Discussion
- 6. Closing: Thoughts, Reflections and Questions

Workshop Goals

The overarching goal of today's workshop is to strengthen researchers' and partners' awareness, abilities, and resources related to meaningfully incorporating lived experience expertise in their research.

Building a 21st Century Research Agenda Project







Lived Experience
Experts















What will it take to carry out a 21st Century Research Agenda? Broad Topic Areas (plus 4 Workforce gaps)

Community-Based Prevention of Child Maltreatment

 Strong Communities: communities that support families so that children grow up in a stable and nurturing environment.

Child Protective Services and Prevention of Foster Care

 Define: child maltreatment, reporting criteria, CPS hotline design, diverting children safely from foster care, etc.

Out-of-Home Care

 The focus here is on the "case identification, treatment, maintenance and aftercare" including kinship care, nonrelative foster care, and group care.

What will it take to carry out a 21st Century Research Agenda? Values

Be bold and transformative

Be filled by engaging individuals with lived experience

Example values that drove the Workgroups

Prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion

Focus on child, parent/caregiver, and family-level outcomes

- Reshape Power Dynamics
- Rethink Budget
- Minimize Potential for Tokenism & Promote Co-Design
- Model Change
- Promote Diversity in Lived Experience
- Reimagine Timelines

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Promoting Meaningful
Partnerships with Lived
Experience Experts in
High-Quality Research:
Considerations for Funders

Brittany P. Mihalec-Adkins Sandra Killett George Gabel "The 21st Century research agenda and this brief are an opportunity to not only fill the gap in child welfare research, but to also change the way we can influence the research community. While the brief topic is to strengthen the foundation for funding research; more broadly, these actions can widen the door to transformation of well-being support for families in this country."

Sandra Killett, Lived Experience Expert

"Hiring folks with lived experience for non-PLE roles (e.g., researcher, research scientist, analyst, project coordinator, etc.) communicates that an organization is making a greater commitment to embedding lived experience engagement into the organizational culture."

- Brittany Mihalec-Adkins, Lived Experience Expert

Brainstorming Activity



What are your "Fears" in working with those with Lived Experience or Researchers/Organizations?

What is your take-away from this discussion?

Thoughts, Reflections, Questions?

