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# RUTGERS HEALTH

## Debriefing and Collaborative Safety: Creating the “AHA” Moment in Healing Environments for Safety and Connection

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# Rigorous Debriefing

- Tertiary Prevention Strategy
- Restorative
- Reparative
- Patterns and Customized Responses



# Role of a Debriefing Process

Brings Executive Leadership on board

Real Time Data on what occurred from Staff and Youth perspective

Manage events better to avoid a “next time”

What did we learn? What do we change?

# UIR ~~=~~ Story

Youth..... restrained..... medical attention....hospitalized.....location..... agencies involved.....persons involved..... check for high, moderate..... assault.....injury..... severity.....perpetrator...victim.....witness.....

**.police.....** Detail plan for action and or review, including; treatment plan review or changes, therapeutic interventions, clinical interventions, program, facility, or staff changes related to incident, etc; Include **your** efforts with the youth related to the incident even if you are not affiliated with the location of the incident;



# Rigorous Debriefing as a Process

Quantitative

Problem Driven

Who

A stepwise process

Qualitative ( story in a  
trauma lens

Solution Focused

Why and How

~ using brain  
based science and  
trauma informed  
approaches

A stepwise process



# Rigorous Debriefing as a Core Strategy

Debriefing and Healing

The use of Apology

Attention Seeking.....Connection Seeking

Power/Authority/Coercion.... Relationship

Engaging Families as Partners in Care



## How Debriefing was used in Coaching

- As a place to begin
- Incident review for deepening trauma lens ~ language matters
- Regulation plan development
- Policy change / modification
- Informal practices
- Data development for tracking and review

# Focusing on the wrong thing





# Rigorous Debriefing

- Focus is on process
- People involved become part of solution
- Gets to the story of what happened
- Speaks with empathy and compassion about a situation that occurred

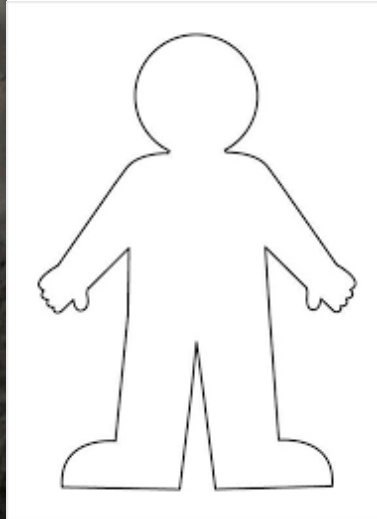




# Bringing all 6 Core Strategies into Debriefing

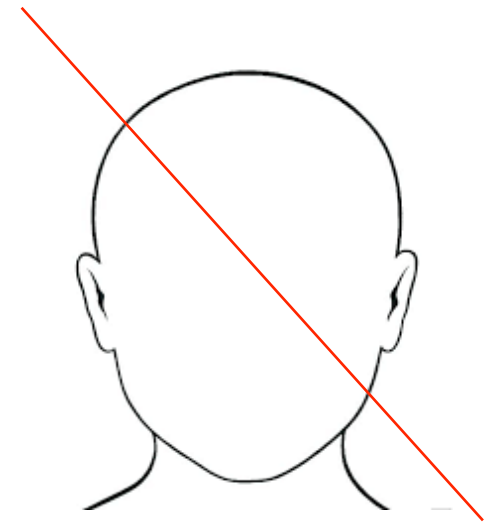
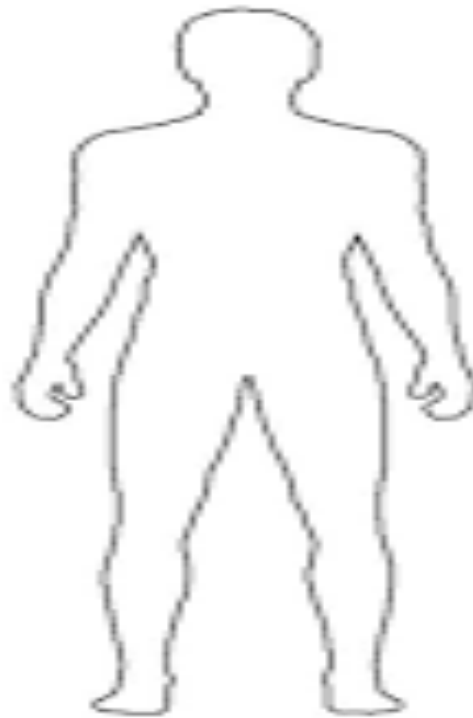
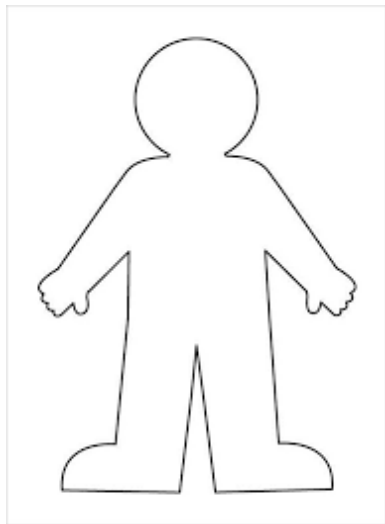
- 1) Leadership toward Organizational Change
- 2) Use of Data to Inform Practice
- 3) Workforce Development
- 4) Use of Seclusion/Restraint Prevention Tools
- 5) Full Inclusion of Youth and their Families
- 6) Rigorous Debriefing

# Curious not Furious



# Where language follows movement

body work





# Regulation Planning

Facial /Body

Gestures

Movement

Language

**Story (repair and restore)**  
to see things differently





# The Pay Off

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Workman's Comp

Call Outs

Retention

Value and Voice

# Developing a Framework for Learning

1) Event

2) Response

3) What we  
know

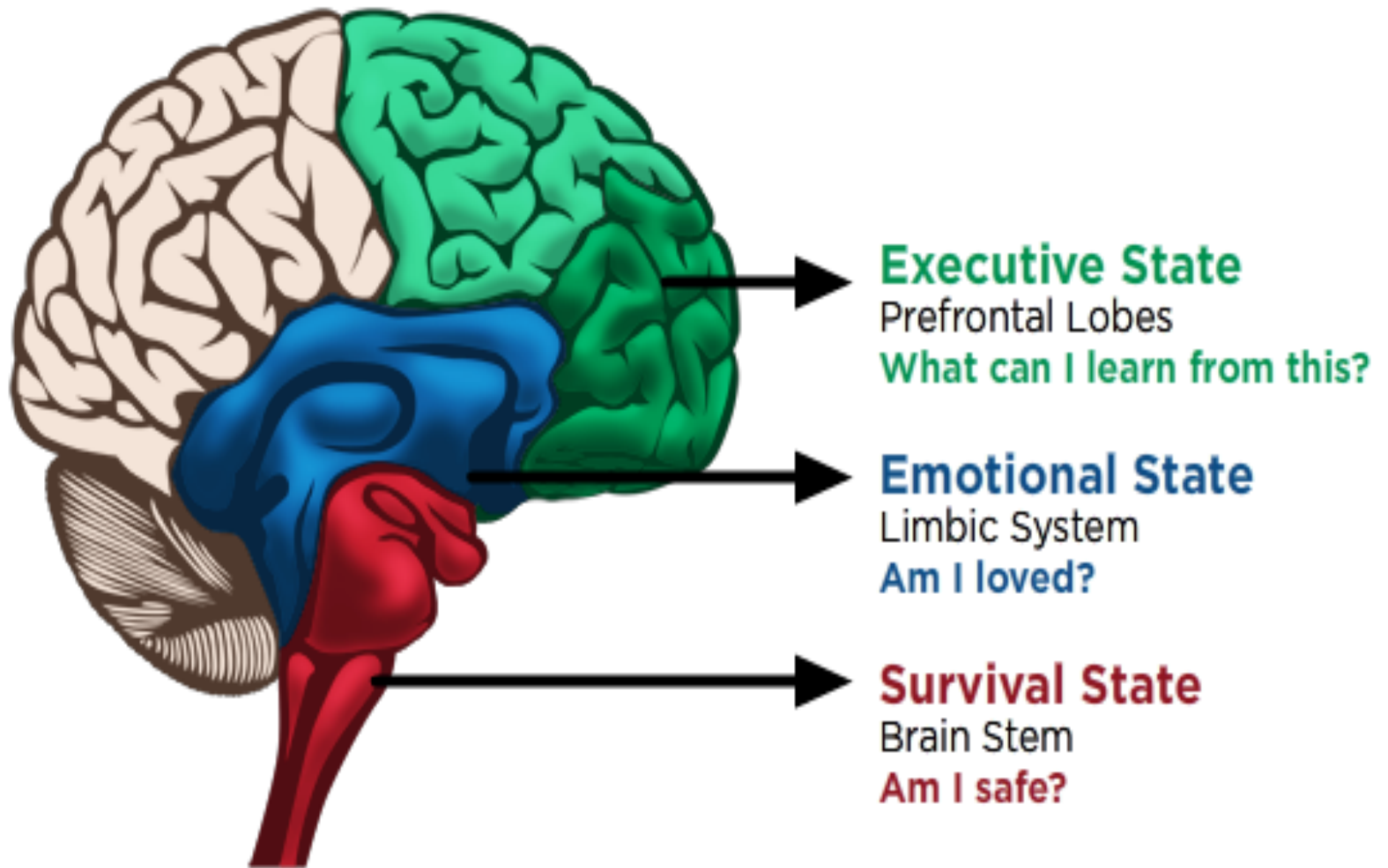
4) What  
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Know

5) Where to  
Place Focus

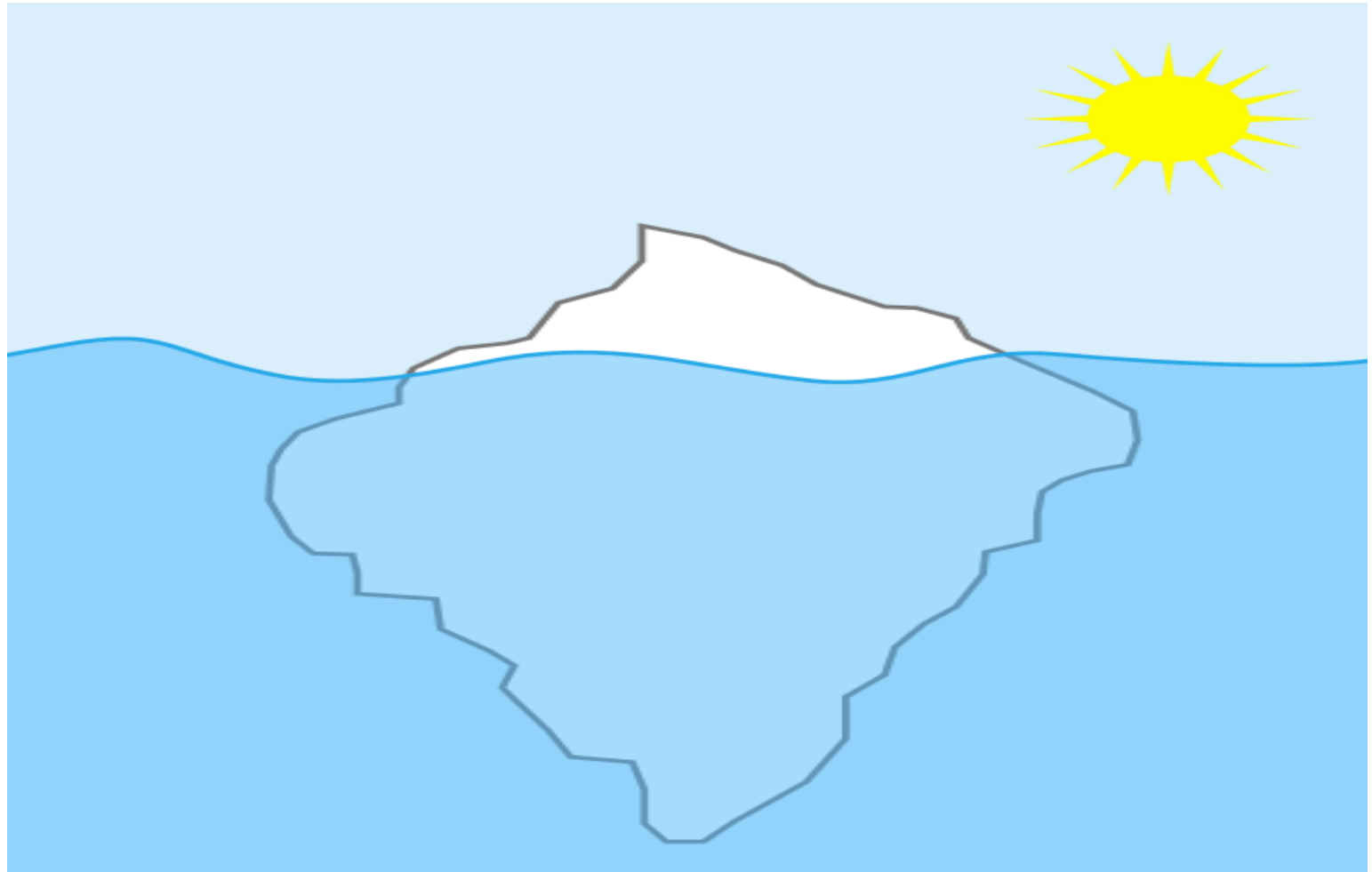
6) Take Away



# Stress Responses




# Iceberging to develop Trauma Lens





## Story

Micah is a 15 yo Hispanic male with a history of hospitalizations. He resides with his paternal grandmother and 2 siblings. Micah's father died and his mother is estranged from the family. Micah has been in 3 Out of Home placements. His plan is to return home; however, his behaviors have escalated. The incident that brings us to this debriefing is as follows:



Sunday at 11:00 am Micah goes to local corner store with his money, and other youth from program, and staff. He is told to make a selection in the store of whatever he wants.

Micah makes the selection, and when he returns to the program is told he can't have it by the supervisor on site. Micah becomes highly **aggressive**. He punches the wall, **screams at other youth, assaults staff**, and is **restrained**. After the restraint, Micah **spends the day in his room**.



## In the record

History of being **parentified**

Triggered by **disrespect**

Triggered by **“No”**

Struggles to trust

History in the home of mental health

History of **explosive** behaviors

Please don't touch me

Goes from 0 to 100



# What have staff noticed:

Pacing

Tension in face, nostrils, neck

Elevated volume in voice

Less words

Go to Phrase

Up and Down movement

Walks in circles

# Collaborative Safety

A Systems Approach to Change



TRANSFORMING CULTURE | TOGETHER

# 7 Transitions to a Safety Culture-Just Culture



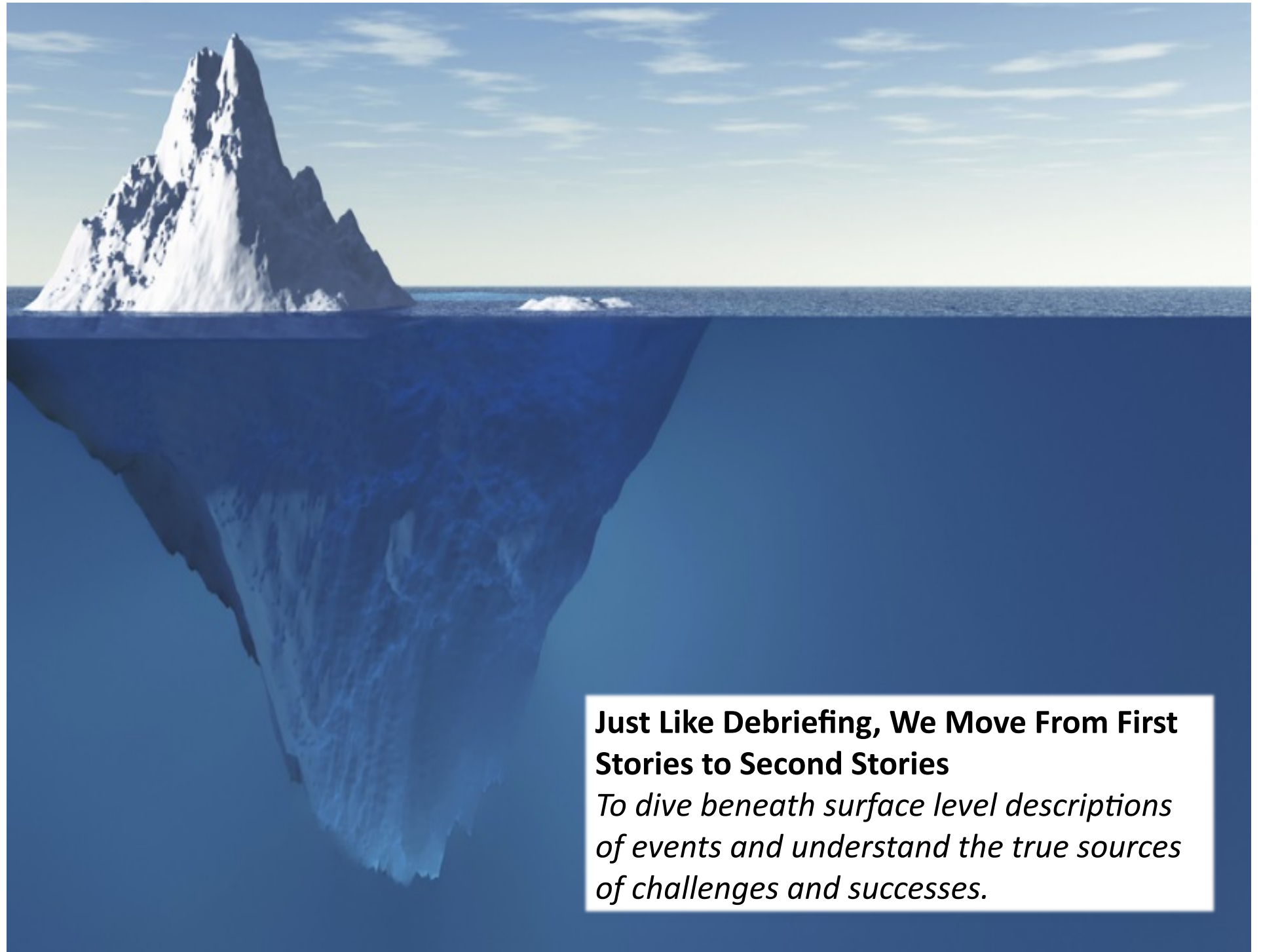
Scientific Underpinnings





## How Collaborative Safety and Promising Path to Success complement and support each other and our system?

- Both approaches acknowledge the need of **leadership** throughout the process in order to have **organizational change**
- Both use **data to inform practice**, to recognize trends and to identify considerations for needed improvements, **one at the youth/local level and one at the systems level**
- Both recognize the importance of **youth and family voice** in the incident review process
- Both are based on a belief of **no blame/no shame**



**Just Like Debriefing, We Move From First Stories to Second Stories**

*To dive beneath surface level descriptions of events and understand the true sources of challenges and successes.*



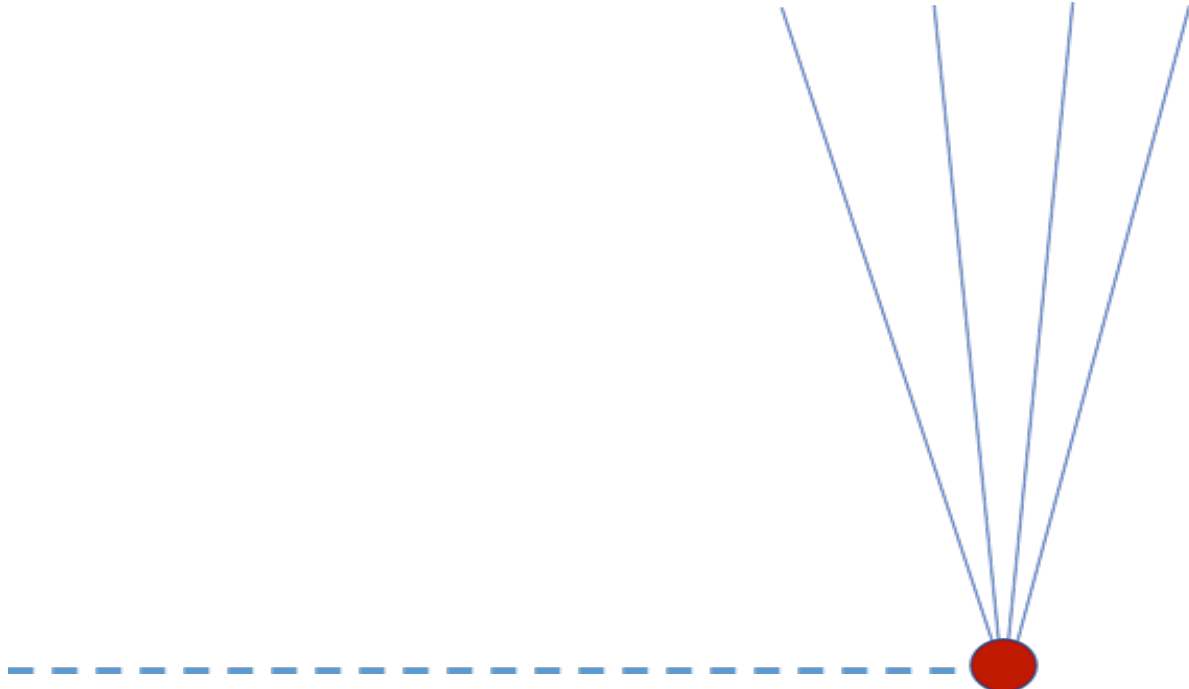
## **Both share common desired outcomes**

- Increased trust in the provision of care
- Improved staff morale
- Enhanced system improvement
- Improvements in employee retention
- Increased accountability
- Increased public trust
- Creation and sustainability of healing environments and systems

# Collaborative Safety

## SYSTEM FACTORS

Collaborative Safety looks at specific incidents for the purpose of doing a deeper dive to see if systemic factors (policies, practices, procedures, etc) have an impact on the local decision-making process.



Debriefing often happens at the local level with a focus of being curious and taking a closer look at that factors that may have lead an incident involving a youth, a staff member and/or a program

# Aaahaaa !... Questions/ Comments

