

## 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

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## Barriers include

- Space
- Language
- Money
- Time
- Legal
- Beliefs & Attitudes

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**Exercise**

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

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**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

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**Partnership**

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### 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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