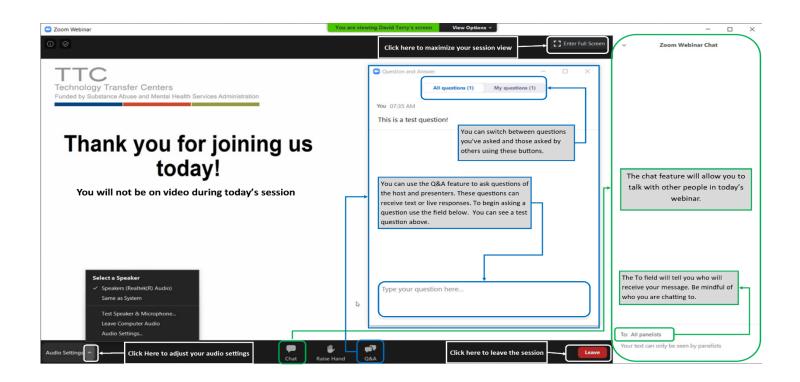
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# Stages of Family Recovery

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## **Our Presenters**





## Objectives

- Explore stages of family recovery
- Identify skills and information for each stage of recovery





Family Recovery

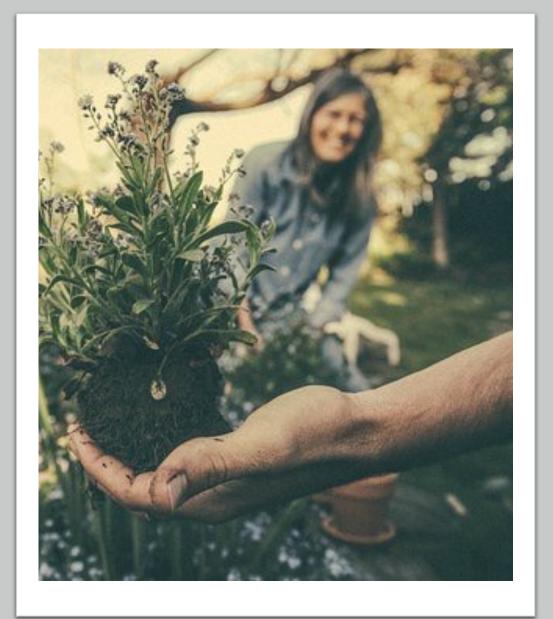
What is recovery for family members?

#### **Recovery for Families**

"...to have a life that includes <u>hope</u>, <u>personal meaning</u>, <u>intimate connections</u> <u>with others</u>, and <u>goals for the future</u>". (Spaniol & Nelson, 2015, p.761)

## Considering Family Recovery

- Assume that a family member WILL recover
- Family recovery is influenced by external and internal factors





Support Family Recovery

What do you do, or what does your agency do, to support family recovery?

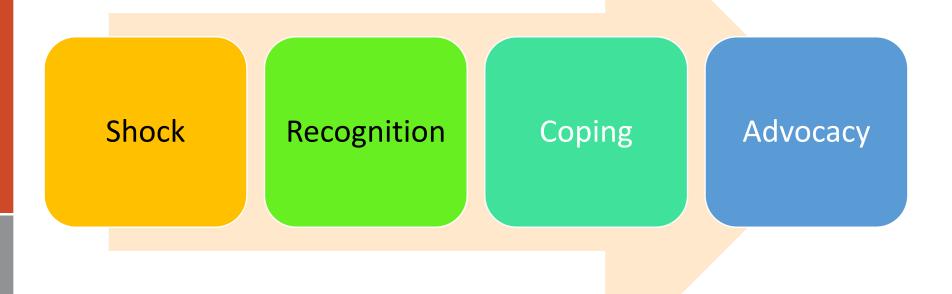
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Dissatisfied with information about mental illness

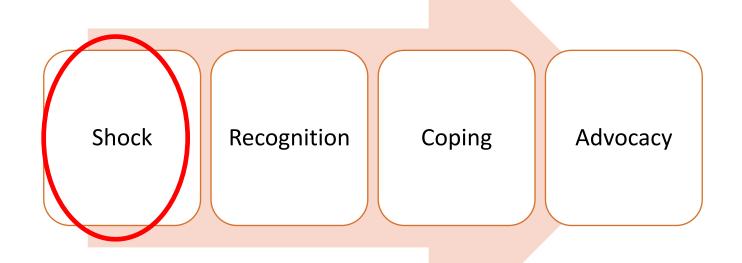
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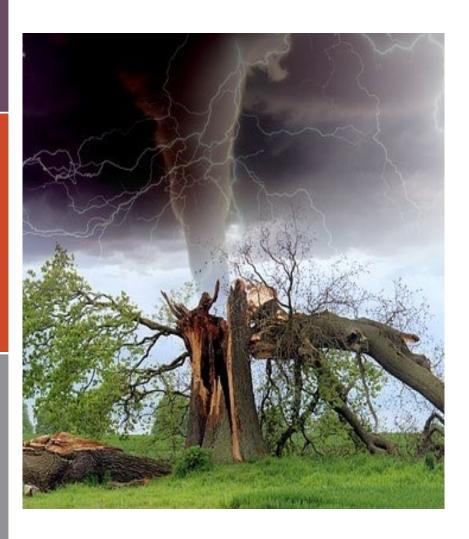
# Family Stages of Recovery



# Shock Experience & Skills Needed



### Shock – Information Needed



Etiology of illness

**Treatment** 

**Prognosis** 

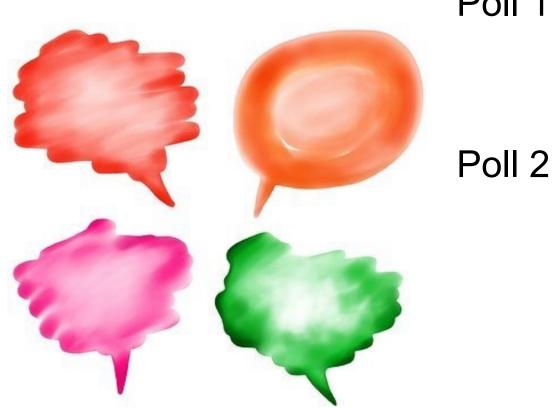
# Shock – An Example

Monica & James received a call from a local inpatient hospital to inform them that their daughter, Renee, was admitted. Renee is in college and lives about an hour away from home. Monica & James knew that Renee had some sad days, challenges making new friends and adjusting to college life.

Recently, when they called her the calls were short. Monica and James didn't totally understand why their daughter was distant, however they believed this was related to challenges in adjusting. They had no indication she was experiencing a serious mental health concern.

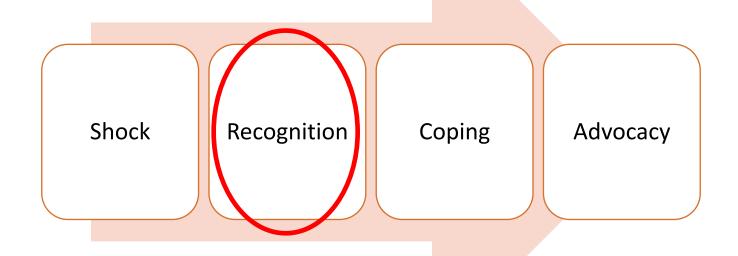
When they were told their daughter had been diagnosed with schizophrenia, they couldn't believe what they were hearing.

## Let's Hear from You



Poll 1

# Recognition Experience & Skills Needed



### Recognition – Information Needed



Meaning of symptoms



Resources

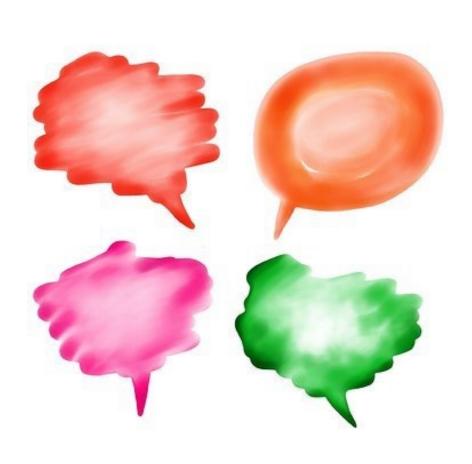


Information about medications

# Recognition- An Example

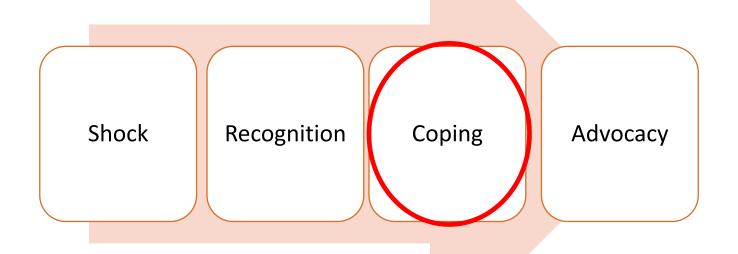
- Renee's symptoms improved at the hospital, and Monica and James believe things will get back to normal quickly. Everyone agrees that she should take the rest of the semester off and live at home.
- Although Renee planned to move back in with her parents, they weren't included in the discharge planning, and had no idea of Renee's aftercare needs.
- Renee received 1 week's supply of medication and a referral to a walk-in clinic. Monica and James worked for 5 days to find a psychiatrist appointment-14 days later. The new doctor prescribed a different medication that was not covered by insurance. After 2 additional days Renee finally acquired the medications. Renee had been without medications for 16 days. She felt she no longer needed the medications and told her parents that instead of going back home, she planned on going to New York to start an acting career.

## Let's Hear from You



- Poll 3
- Poll 4

# Coping Experience & Skills Needed



# Coping – Information Needed



REDUCE PERSONAL STRESS



MANAGING PROBLEMS

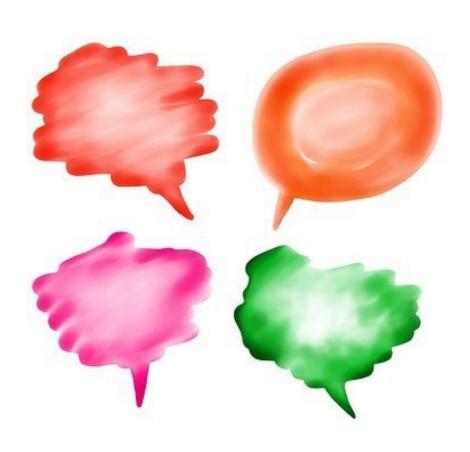


LOCAL SELF-HELP GROUPS

# Coping – An Example

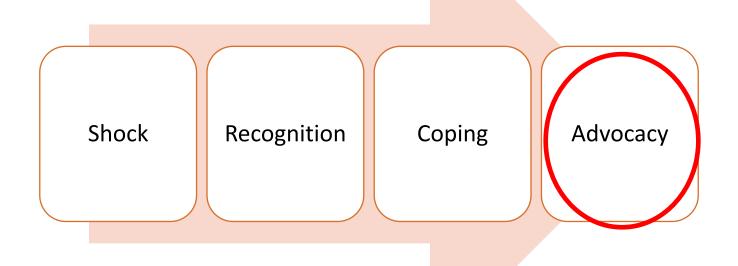
- After several months Monica, James, and Renee had ups and downs. The parents focused more on trying to get Renee well again. James began working from home more and Renee, took off a few unpaid weeks from work to be home when things were at their most challenging.
- After a brief stay in NY, Renee returned home and agreed to try the medications. Although she has symptoms, she seems to be improving and talks daily about going back to school. Monica and James want to see their daughter succeed, but they worry if she is really ready, and they aren't sure if next semester is the right time. Maybe her desire to go back and her focus on doing so is part of her symptoms. They also worry what will happen if she gets sick again. They question if it's better to keep her home and safe with them, or to encourage her to get back out there and resume her life?

## Let's Hear From You



- Poll 5
- Poll 6

# Advocacy Experience & Skills Needed



## Advocacy-Information Needed



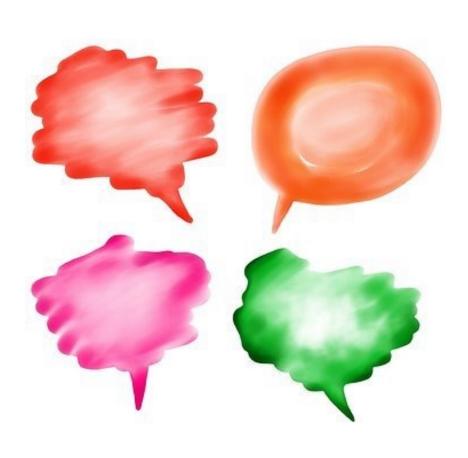
- Public relations
- Political process
- How to advocate effectively

# Advocacy – An Example

Renee returned to school and sought more support in pursuing her goals. Someone from a local support group suggested investigating university supports and supported education. They were surprised to learn that there were no specific supports for people living with mental illness through the office of disabilities. Renee had access to some helpful tools like additional time on tests and assignments, but there were no specific supports in place should Renee experience a mental health crisis. Both Renee and her family felt it important that all students have access to mental health supports to prevent crisis.

Renee and her family teamed up with their local NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) to work with university administration to create a campaign for better mental health awareness among the students, and to create resources for better mental health support on campus.

## Let's Hear from You



- Poll 7
- Poll 8



# Supports for a Family Member









### **Summary of Family Recovery**

Stage	Experience	Information	Skills	Supports
Shock	Devastation Guilt Mourning Anxiety Depression	Etiology, Tx,prognosis	Survival	Join NAMI Supportive practitioners Listeners
Recognition	Hopelessness Limited Svc Disillusionment Burn-out Anger	Meaning of sxs Resources Medications	Crisis Response Negotiating	NAMI Mmbr Supportive practitioner Listeners Sharing feelings
Coping  Spaniol, Zipple, Ma	Letting go Personal limits Fumbling new behs Taking risks  arsh & Finley, 2000	Personal stress Managing problems Self-Help Groups	Personal stress mgmt Sx/problem beh mgmt	NAMI Mmbr Supportive Practitioner

Stage	Experience	Information	Skills	Supports
Advocacy	Confrontation Initiation Assertiveness Transformation New awareness of power Renewed capacity	Public relations, political process, advocacy	Advocacy & organizational Educational	Role in MH policy Role in NAMI

# Recovery stage & Information

Shock

Recognition

Coping

Advocacy

Political process

**Medications** 

**Treatment** 

**Prognosis** 

Resources

Public relations

Personal stress

Self-Help Groups

Meaning of symptoms

Managing problems

### Non-Confidential Information



- General treatment and prognosis information
- Websites and brochures
- Refer to family educational/support groups

# Steps for Providing Info

1. What information needs does family have?

2. Give information to meet their needs

3 Review their understandi ng 4. Assess the adequacy of the information

5. Repeatinformation as needed

# Summary



#### Families can recover



4 Stages: Shock, Recognition, Coping & Advocacy



Support families by \*REFERRAL\*



Match information with recovery stage



Check for understanding and additional needs

### **Question and Answer**





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### Resources

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- National Alliance on Mental Illness <u>www.nami.org</u>
- National Family Support Technical Assistance Center <u>https://www.nfstac.org/</u>
- National Caregiver Alliance <a href="https://www.caregiving.org/">https://www.caregiving.org/</a>
- Mental Health America <a href="https://www.mhanational.org/">https://www.mhanational.org/</a>
- State/Local Behavioral Health Authorities

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