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Natural Supports- Do They Really Need to be Involved in Wraparound?

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Learning Objectives

Participants will:

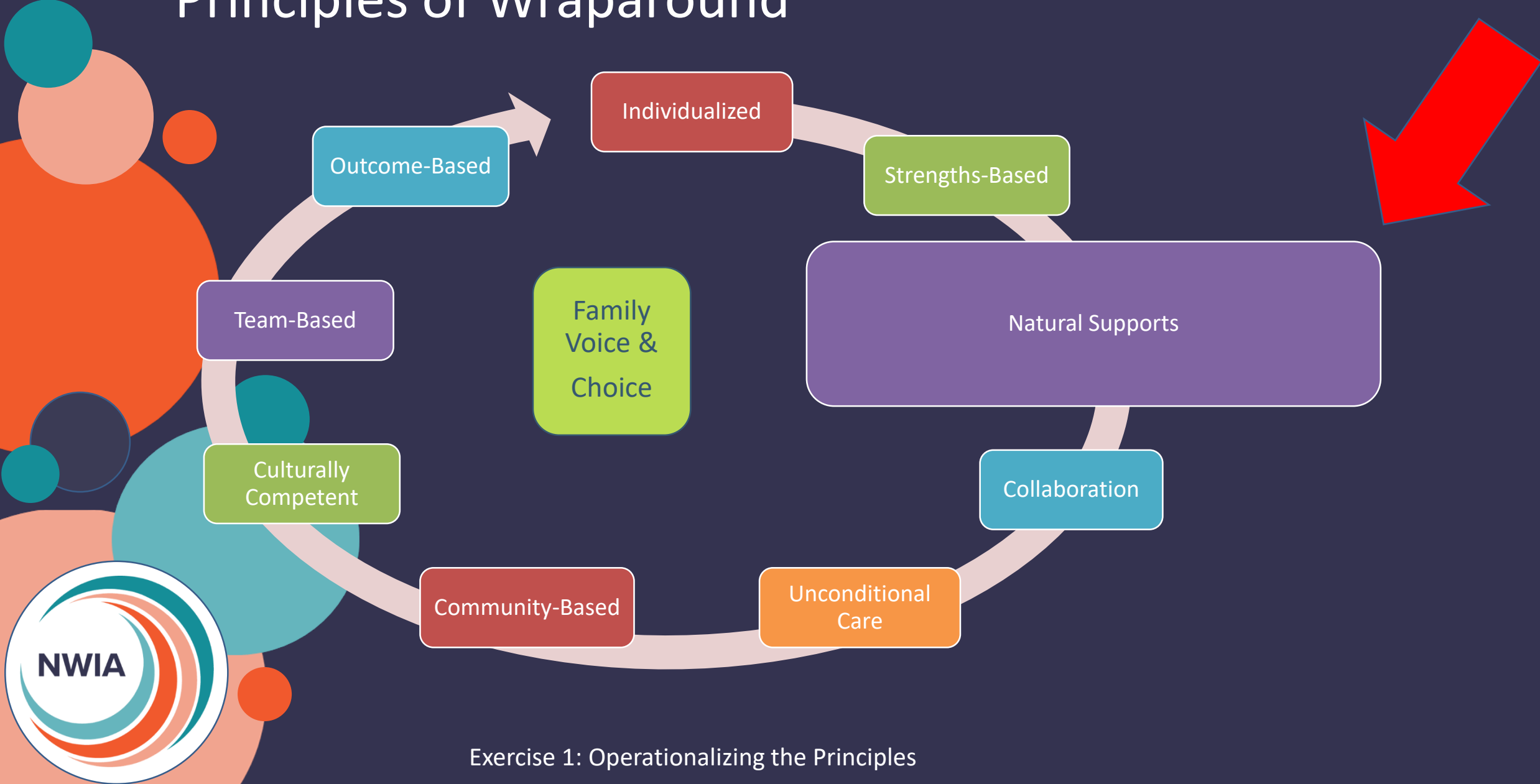
1. Explore how to listen for and identify natural supports
2. Practice approaches to build family buy-in to include natural supports
3. Learn how to engage natural support and keep them engaged





Who's in Your Tribe?

Principles of Wraparound



Exercise 1: Operationalizing the Principles



Whose job it is to find and engage natural supports?

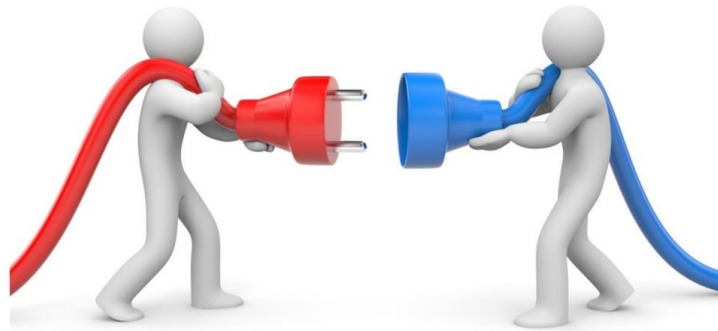
The STRUGGLE IS REAL

- 45% listen to the family story with a focus on identifying potential team members, including informal supports.
- 26% reach agreement with families about including all of the important people in the family's life in the process.
- 16% can describe Wraparound and motivate others, including informal supports, to participate in the process.
- 15% can link assess and link sustainable team and community strengths in the planning process.
- 24% ability to cultivate action and commitment from each team member.
- 9% increase team membership overtime to foster sustainable support post Wraparound.

“A higher percentage of natural supports at meetings was associated with better youth outcomes.”



Why are natural supports essential in Wraparound?



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POWER
Of Connections

- Resilience and natural supports go hand in hand.
- Natural supports build a quality of life
- They are there long term



How do we find Natural Supports?

Listen for those
people that helped
that family through
tough times.



SUPPORT...

is vital to your

wellbeing and *Happiness*

How do you build buy-in from the family?

How do you get them to come?

Things to consider....

- Method of invitation
- Tone of the invitation
- What information do they need to know
- What's their buy-in



What might be happening if natural supports stop coming to meetings?



You make a difference.

WHAT

IS

NEXT



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