

POWERED BY IMAGINATION AND THE DESIRE FOR CHANGE

Community Empowered Response



Agenda

Introduction & Storytelling

Discussion

Our Collective Response



Workshop Goals

Tell your stories



Challenge shame-based systemic responses

Stoke your imagination and realize possibility

Who am I?



What happened that morning at...



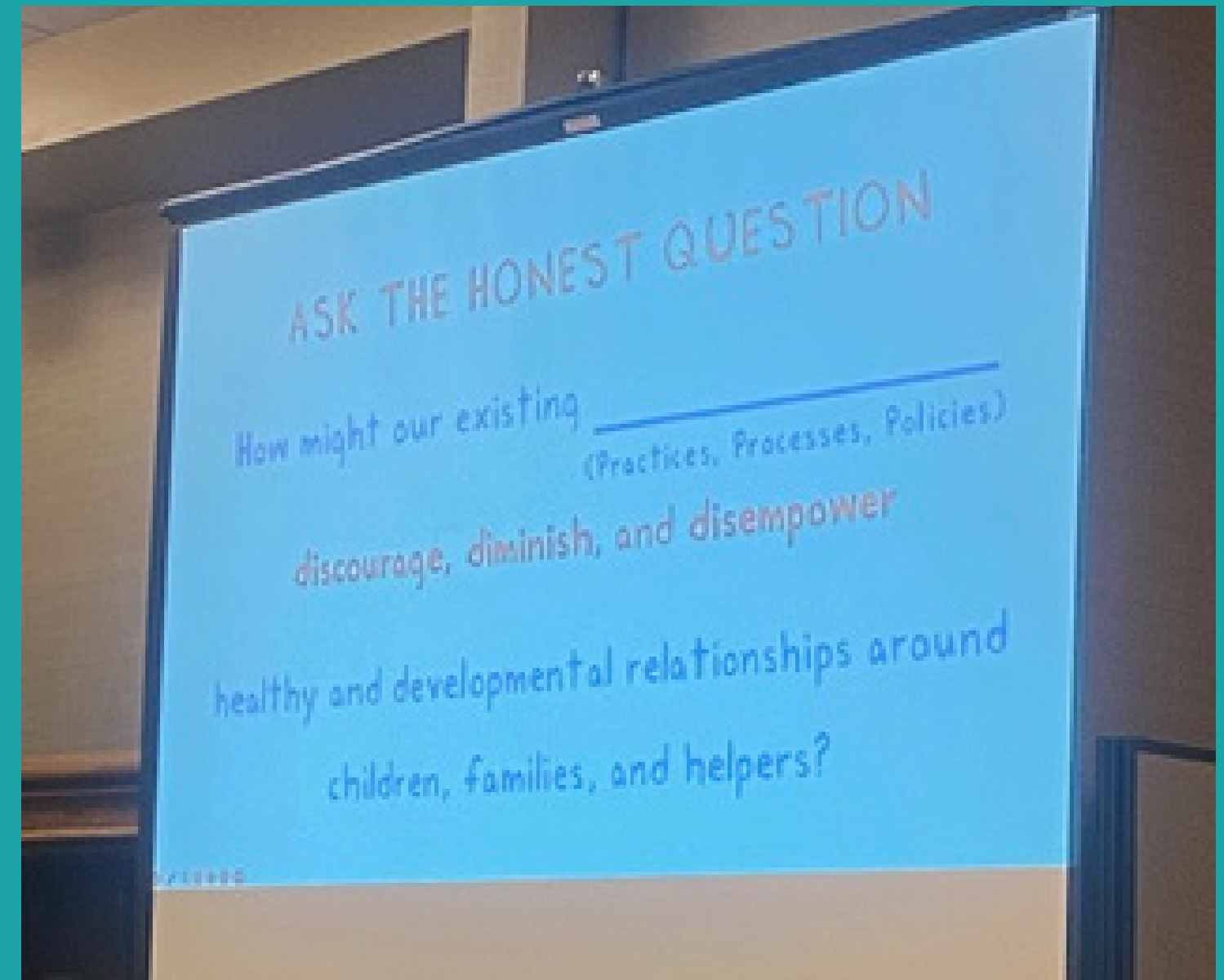
Debrief

Thoughts and feelings?

What came up for you?

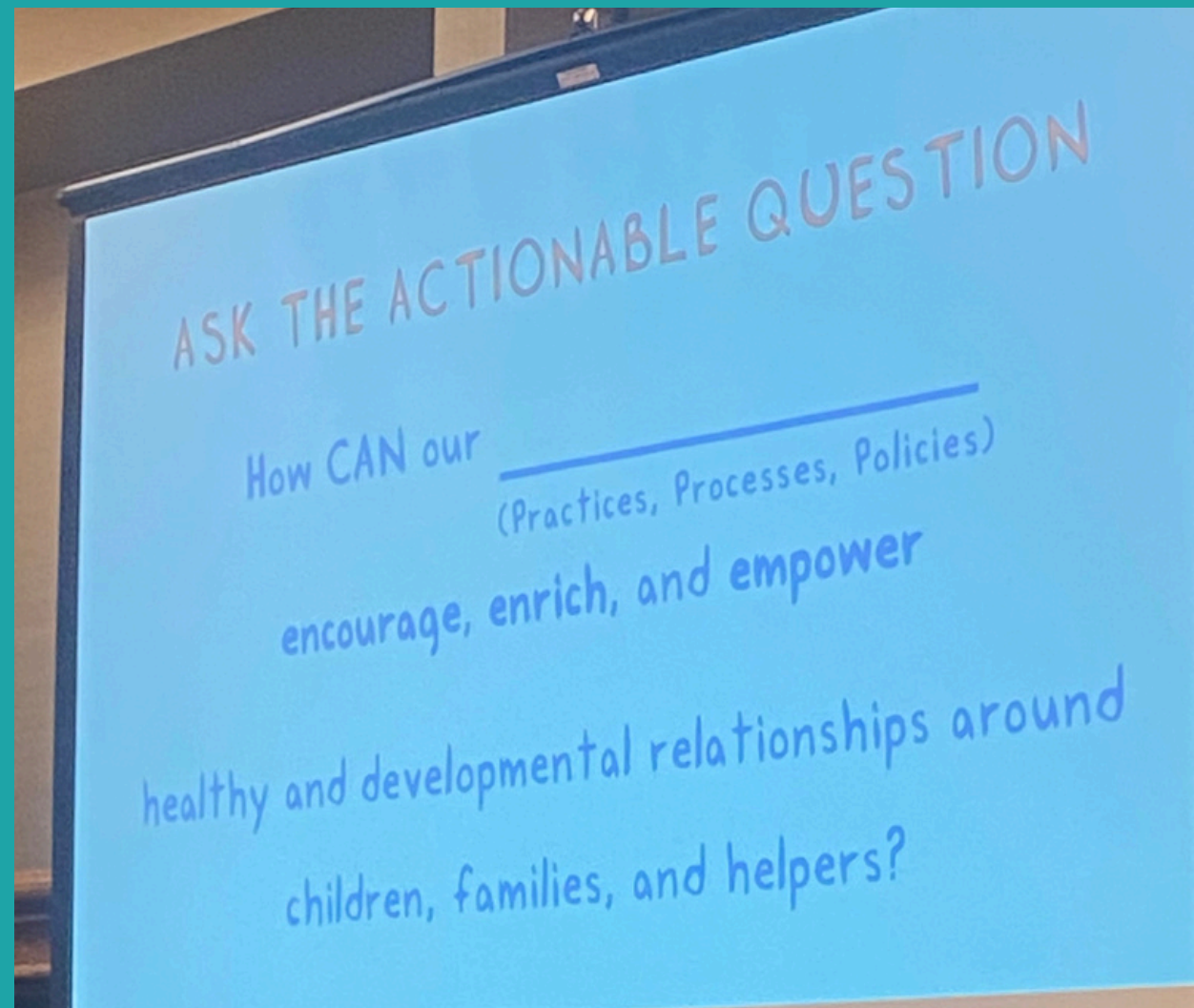
How can you relate?

Any personal stories come to mind?



Use your imagination....

How could this intervention looked differently? To what effect?
If resources weren't an issue, what would the ideal response
to a situation like this be?



What would it look like if the
community were inspired to response
to a situation like this instead of
police/courts?

YMCA

- Empowered Staff- does the staff recognize the family?
Empowered to call the parent before escalating the response.
- Have more curiosity and awareness of supports? Can we to the need of childcare earlier in the day? Other resource referrals?
- Side room for the conversation with the police.
- Make it ok to sleep at the Y parking lot.
- Could report directly to child welfare social services.
- Teaching local laws to its members.

Our Response

Police

- Consider other cultural expectations for collective care.
- Nampa has an on staff social worker to call first.
- Trauma informed training
- Check out the “Heart Program” in Durham NC,

Alternatives

- Find housing for dad and son to be able to stay together
- Trusting in the system and the departments to assess and connect with resources.
- Housing costs = pay for working families.
- Expansion of child support to include families
- Expand on training for police, crisis response with verbiage for information instead of lack of legal advice.
- Be able to give information on law for crisis response, some credentialling for workers

Does our response.....

ASK THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How does this _____ help to
(Practice, Program, Policy)

Encourage, Enrich, and Empower
human relationships around the child?

Be brave and
keep up the
good work!



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