

Network Finding Matrix explained on a page



Description

The Signs of Safety Network Finding Matrix is designed to assist practitioners explore with parents, young people, and children who they might be willing to involve helping them solve the concerns. When family members are asked to involve others in child protection issues, they very typically raise objections or concerns. The matrix is designed to enable the practitioner to utilise and explore those objections constructively rather than feeling that the objection makes the possibility of finding network impossible. The Network Finding Matrix helps the practitioner prepare for conversation with family members by assisting them to create a range of possible questions they might use to discuss objections family members might raise.



Example

Here is an example based on a situation where a parent raises the very common objection that they don't have sufficient people who know about their problems to invite to join their network.

“I don’t know 5 people who know the full story”	
Negative	Positive
<p>Past <i>Thinking about the people who do know your full story, who are the people that make you feel most ashamed of it?</i> <i>When you have told someone the full story, what’s been the worst thing about what happened after that?</i> <i>Who are the people you have known in the past and you’ve thought “I’d never tell you my full story”?</i></p>	<p>Past <i>When have you told the whole story to someone and they did something really kind or helpful for you?</i> <i>Who has been the best person for you to talk to about secrets or problems in the past?</i></p>
<p>Present <i>Who is around you now that does know the full story and you hate that they know? What do they do that makes you hate that so much?</i> <i>Who would be the worst person to find out the whole story?</i></p>	<p>Present <i>Thinking about the person who is closest to you now, who doesn’t know the whole story, what would be the best thing about telling them the whole story?</i> <i>What’s the best reaction you’ve had so far from anyone who knows what’s happened in your life?</i> <i>Who would be the best person in your neighbourhood to talk to about stuff? What do they do that makes them the best person?</i></p>
<p>Future <i>Suppose your family and other people find out your whole story, what would be the worst thing that could happen? Who are you most afraid will have the worst reaction? If they react in the absolute worst way, what will they do/say?</i> <i>What would be the worst thing someone else in your neighbourhood/extended family might do?</i></p>	<p>Future <i>Suppose when other people know the full story and it goes really well, what would have happened that would make you feel actually that went okay? How would people be supporting you if it went well?</i> <i>Who is likely to have the best reaction? What would be the best way for them to find out?</i> <i>What’s the best way for the person who worries you most to find out the whole story?</i></p>