
“Hang out on the street corner”



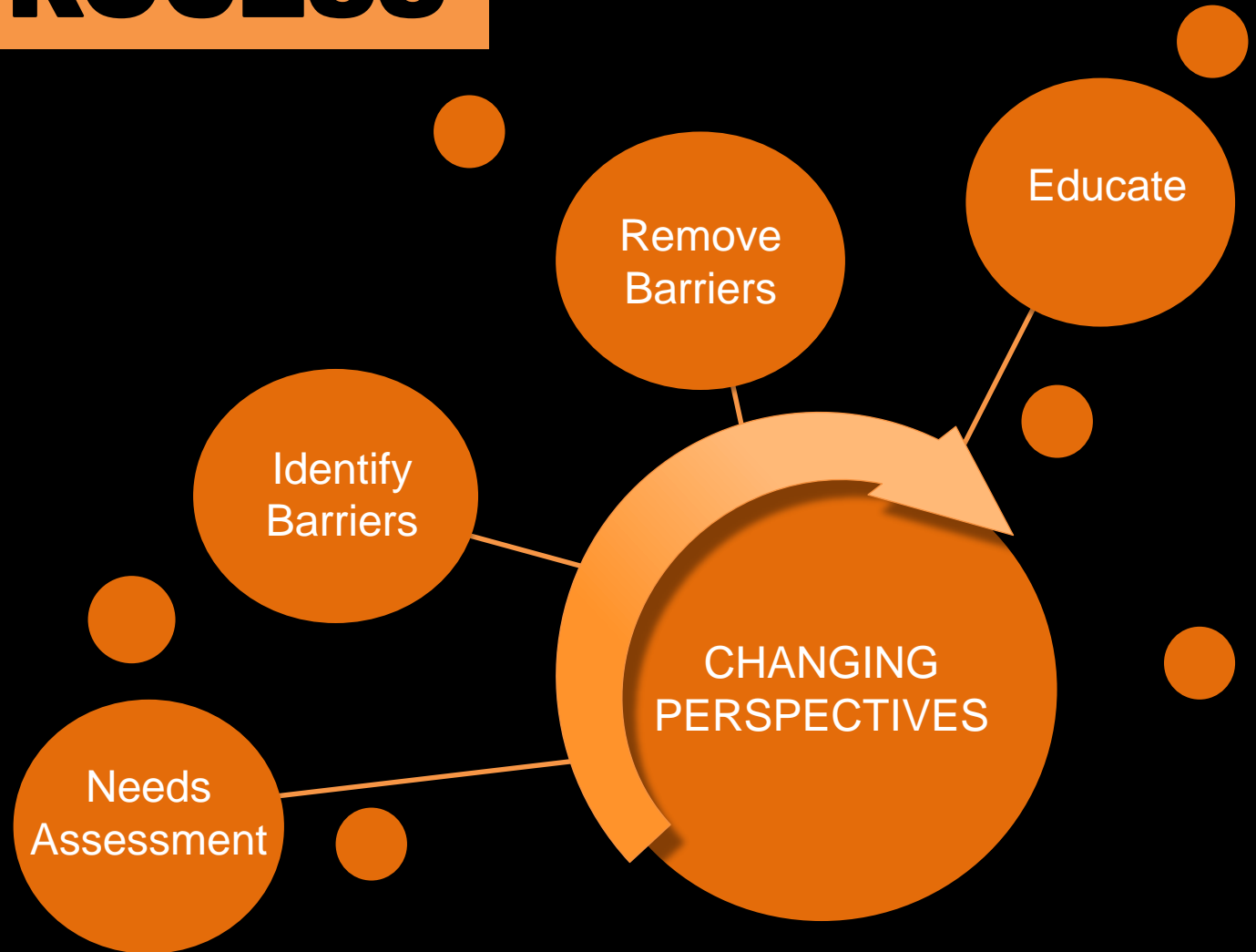


**HARRISHEALTH
SYSTEM**

SPNS BUILDING A MEDICAL HOME For Multiply Diagnosed HIV-Positive Homeless

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THE PROCESS



CASE STUDY: “DAVID”

38 year old male

HIV+

Out of medical compliance >1yr

Glaucoma

Homeless

Mental Health - bipolar, previous SI

Polysubstance Abuse

Lack of Income

Legal Concerns

Dental

No Identification



NEEDS ASSESMENT



What do people want?

What do they need?



Changing Perspectives

“Everyone has an ID.”

*Unfortunately, ID’s
are often lost or
stolen.*

**“Patients are usually
on time for
appointments.”**

*Not when you’re
homeless.*

**“Patients are usually
pro-active in their
healthcare.”**

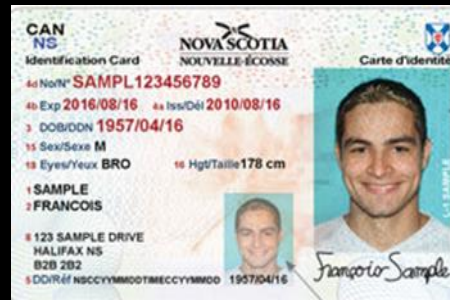
*When you’re
homeless, priorities
change.*

**“Patients are
generally pretty good
at taking their
medications as
prescribed.”**

*Not when you don’t
have a safe place
to store them.*

BARRIERS

- Identification
- Transportation
- Mental Health
- Eligibility



MENTAL HEALTH

**Feeling overwhelmed, depressed,
substance abuse**



Feeling overwhelmed



Working through barriers

REMOVE BARRIERS

- 
- **Create partnerships**
 - **Expand programs**
 - **Be there to listen**


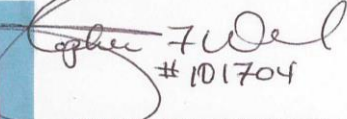
PARTNER with Houston Police Department

- **Temporary IDs can be issued in less than a week**



 From the desk of
Stephen F. Wick
Wednesday, March 30, 2016 

To: **Whom it may concern**
Subject: **Identification** [REDACTED]
The listed identification on [REDACTED] from the Houston Police Department's Records Management System.

[REDACTED] 1g
B/M [REDACTED] 60 lbs., Blonde/Blu
Texas Driver's License # [REDACTED]
Expires: 06-30-2008

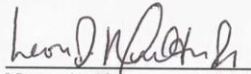
 
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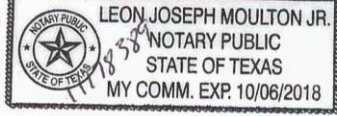
HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My e-mail at work is Steve.Wick@HoustonPolice.org

This document has been subscribed and affirmed before me in the County of Harris, State of Texas, this 30th day of March, 2016.


Notary's Signature & Seal
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NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
MY COMM. EXP. 10/06/2018

**EXPAND existing
Healthcare for the
Homeless Program to
the clinic for homeless
eligibility and mental
health.**



Develop Rapport



EDUCATION



**Empathy >
Compassion >
Better Care**

SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE

"There's a new field in brain science, social neuroscience. This studies the circuitry in two people's brains that activates while they interact. And the new thinking about compassion from social neuroscience is that our default wiring is to help."

Daniel Goleman



EDUCATE

Compassion comes from listening
and understanding

EMPATHY

MODEL

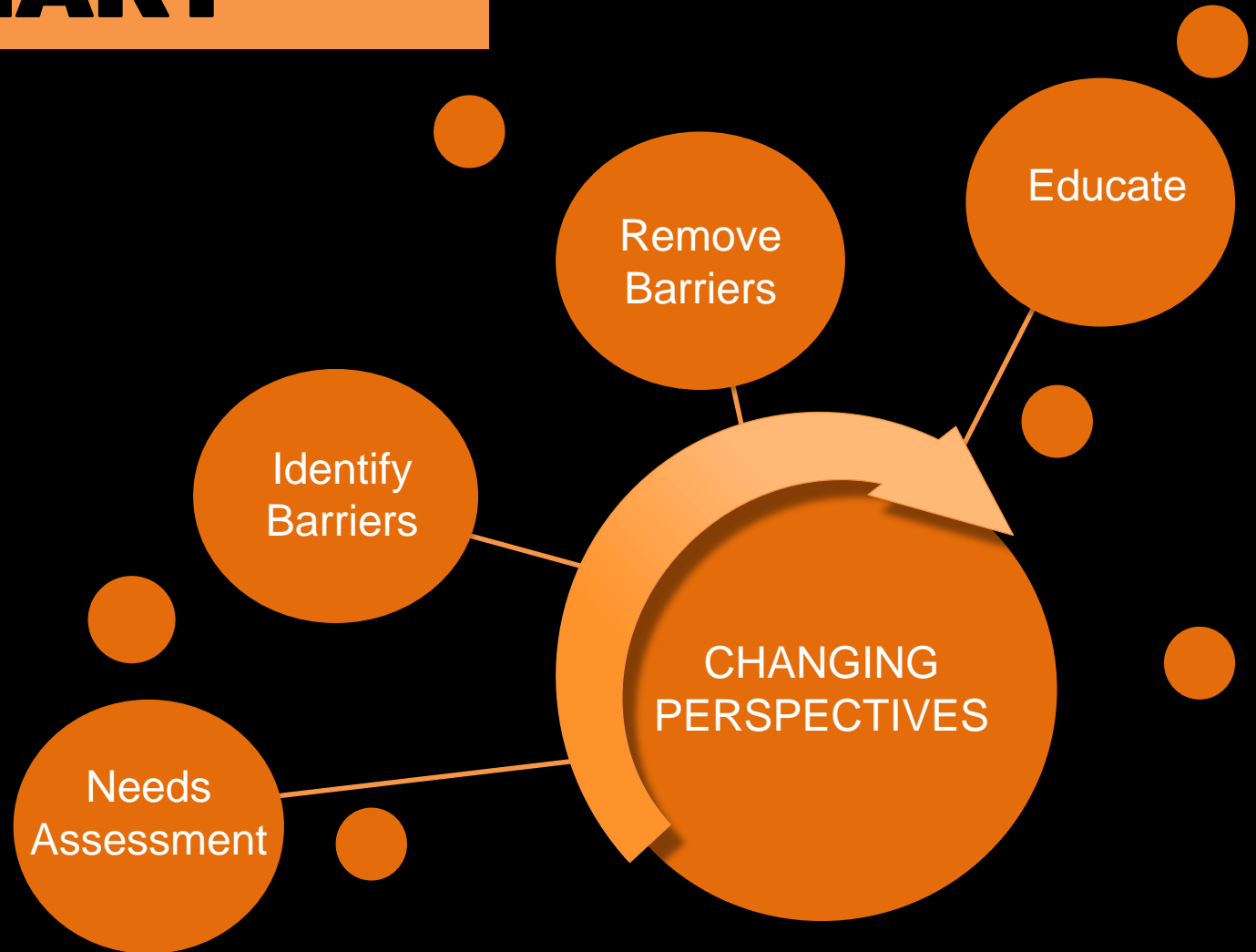
SUPPORT



A compassionate difference



SUMMARY



Patient-centered care

“The road to compassion starts with pure attention.”

Daniel Goleman

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