

THE RESILIENCE APPROACH

Reflect – Honor -- Connect



Purpose: A person who has experienced trauma can begin a healing journey when he/she knows that their words and feelings being heard. When we **reflect** words or feelings, the person feels heard. Healing can continue when we **honor** what the person did to survive and/or honor what the person is doing now to get their needs met and build a better life. The person who has experienced trauma has often lost a sense of connection and a sense of the future. We begin to restore what's been lost when we **connect** the person with a sense of felt safety, safe and positive adults, and/or a sense of the future.

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- 1. **Reflect** back with compassion what you heard the person say or feel.
- 2. **Honor** their courage for surviving and sharing their words/feelings.
- 3. **Connect** to safety, positive adults, and a positive future orientation.

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- 1. **Reflect:** "I hear the pain in your voice when you remember that."
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- 2. **Honor:** "It took a lot of courage to live through that situation. You've come a long way."
- 3. **Connect:** "You are working hard to make your life better. You are looking for a place to live that is safe. Your grandmother and the people on your team want to support you with that."

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