THREADS 2026

From THREADS to Fabric: Moving Systems from Concept to Practice

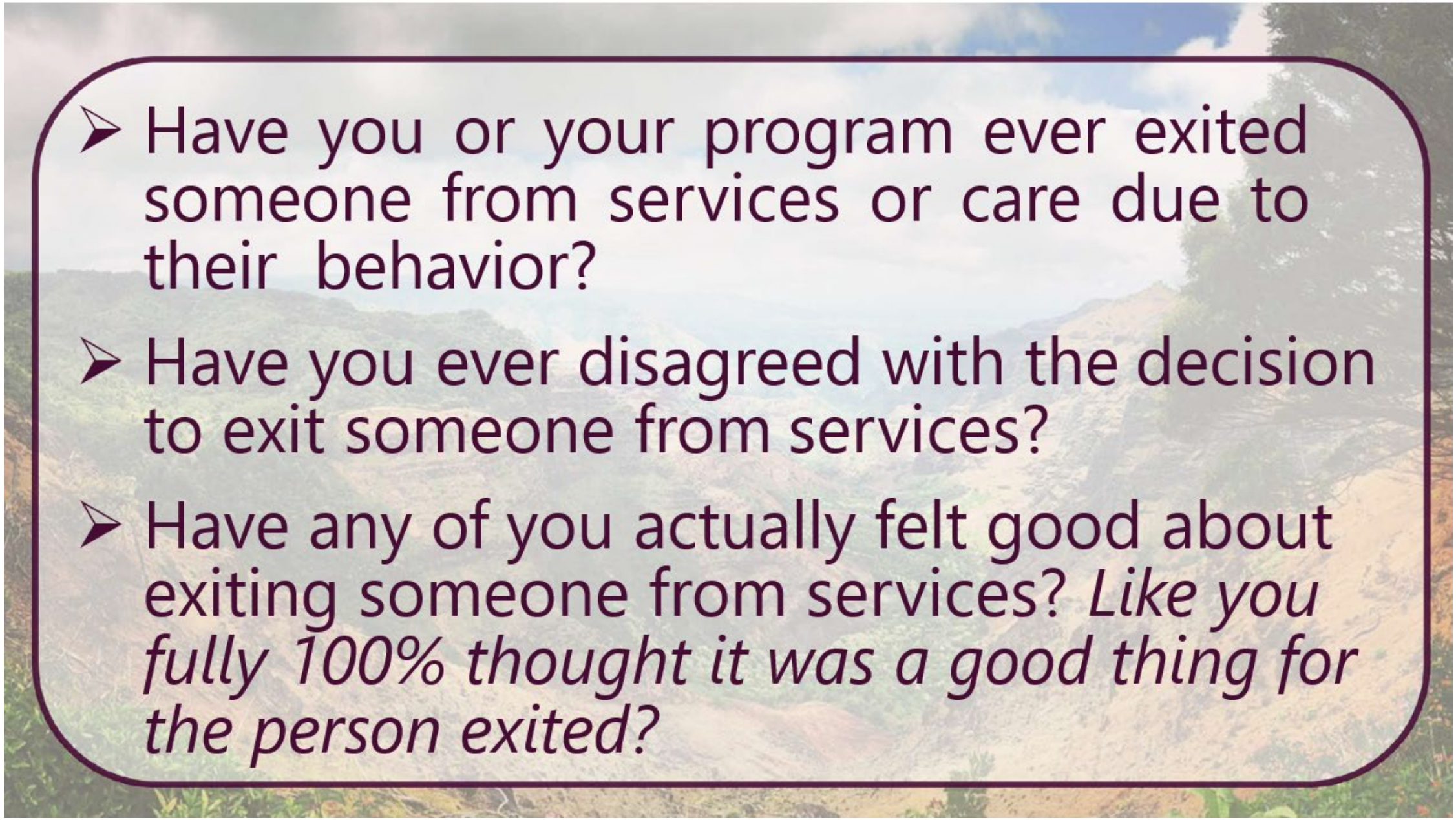


What if Exit from Services Wasn’t an Option?

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By the end of our time here, I hope you leave with:

- Greater confidence navigating **discomfort vs. danger**
- Examples of what becomes possible **when we stay engaged**
- Language to talk about **exit rules & repair**
- One small, realistic step you can take in the next month


Have you or your program ever exited someone from services or care due to their behavior?
Have you ever disagreed with the decision to exit someone from services?
Have any of you actually felt good about exiting someone from services? Like you fully 100% thought it was a good thing for the person exited?

An Invitation to Brave Space

By Micky ScottBey Jones

Together we will create brave space
Because there is no such thing as a "safe space"
We exist in the real world
We all carry scars and have all caused wounds
In this space
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world,
We amplify the voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,

We call for each other to more truth and love
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow
We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know,
We will not be perfect.
This space will not be perfect.
It will not always be what we wish it to be
But it will be our brave space together
And we will work on it side by side

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Why Systems Default to Removal

Safety fears

"If something happens, it's on us"

Liability concerns

"We can't afford the risk"

Staff burnout & capacity

"We're too stretched to hold this"

Policy & funder pressure

"Our hands are tied"

The Cycle Reinforces Itself



The default isn't a choice we made – it's the path of least resistance.

Changing it means building new paths.

Assessing Risk:

Safe ☚ ☛ Dangerous





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What if exit wasn't an option?

How would we handle acts of harm?



- ✓ What are the conditions that made the harm happen?
- ✓ What is needed? *By the person who was harmed; by the person who caused harm; by the program.*
- ✓ How do we rebuild trust and connection?

Transformative Justice is not just about the big acts of harm –

It starts with the small things

Ways to Stay Engaged Through Harm

- Collaborative problem-solving
- De-escalation before enforcement
- Creating temporary space to work through next steps
- Repair conversations instead of warnings



What Happens When We Stay?



- Trust rebuilt
- Dignity restored
- Cycles interrupted

Revisiting the Rules

- Which rules address truly dangerous behavior?
- Which rules fall closer to uncomfortable but safe territory?



Keep Engaged

Exit (hopefully just temporarily)

Rules built for removal can be rebuilt for **repair.**
A rule worth keeping should keep people, too.

Where's your line?

Identify **one exit rule** you're ready to move to the "**keep engaged**" side of the line.

Scan the QR code to share your commitment!



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Closing remarks

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