

Questions for Focus Groups – 2014

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Question	Feedback/Comments	Recommendations
1a. What are the biggest challenges facing those in your community with substance abuse problems?		
1b. What are the biggest challenges facing those in your community with mental health problems?		
2a. Are people willing to talk about their mental health problems? Why or why not?		
2b. Are people willing to talk about their substance abuse problems? Why or why not?		
3. How can the community best support its members with mental health and substance abuse problems, especially those at risk of winding up in the prison system?		
4. What are the strengths and weaknesses of your community with respect to caring for people with mental health and/or substance abuse problems?		
5a. If you, or someone you know, had a mental health problem, would you know what resources were available and how to access them?		

<p>5b. If you, or someone you know, had a substance abuse problem, would you know what resources were available and how to access them?</p>		
<p>6. Has the Sandy Hook school shooting and the resulting media coverage changed how you feel, think, or act with respect to mental health issues in your community?</p>		
<p>7. What kind of impact have you seen in your community as a result of healthcare reform (otherwise known as the Affordable Care Act or Obama Care)?</p>		
<p>8. If you were responsible for mental health and substance abuse services in your community, what kind of changes would you make?</p>		
<p>9. How are mental health, substance abuse, and medical problems intertwined in your community?</p>		

Other comments: