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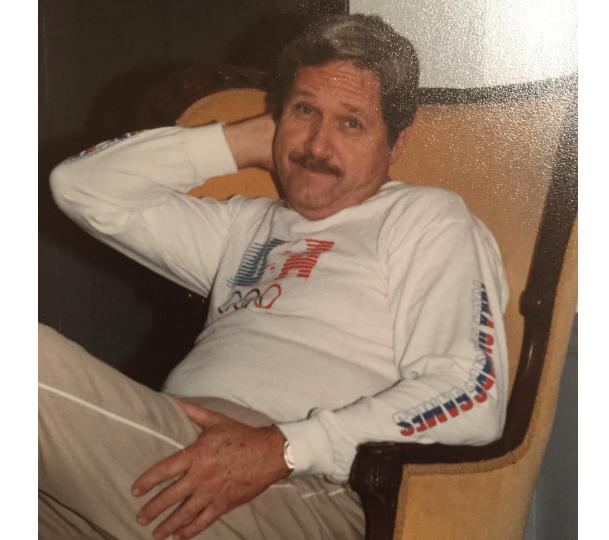
Co-Producing Improvements Eddie Turner *Strategy Lead, BFZ Collaborative* 



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#### **Co-Producing Improvements**



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System Managers

#### Frontline Staff

# People with Lived Experience

What if co-producing improvements doesn't require more work?

What if co-producing improvements leads to "simple, effective, efficient solutions that sustain"? System Managers

#### Frontline Staff

# People with Lived Experience

#### Levels of Co-Producing

Doing to

Doing for

Doing with



Your well intentioned, smart idea that someone else has to live with

We experience it most often in the form of technology, policies, regulations, paperwork

We feel like we're being done to...

and we also do to others



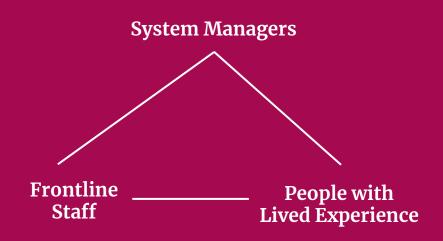
We spend a lot of time here...

and here's where it gets sticky

#### Doing for flattens relationships

Metrics focus on actions

We lose the richness of relationships



#### When we don't co-produce, it looks like...

- Doing for
- Improvement in fits and starts
- Reliance on hierarchy
- Data gives glimpses of peoples' experience
- "We know what we're doing—let us do it!"
- Equity work gets conceptual

#### And if we never get better at co-producing:

- Incremental progress, not ending homelessness
- Trends in priorities and programming come and go

What would it look like to get better at co-producing improvements?

#### Getting better at co-producing looks like...

- Move to *doing with*
- System managers, frontline staff, and people with lived experience working together to define problems, design tests, and evaluate progress
- Don't settle for checking boxes
- Start from the assumption that each person is creative, resourceful, and whole

#### And if we co-produce successfully, then...

- Changes stick
- Solve the unsolvable problems
- Each participant in the system gains power to improve the system

Let's talk to some people who are co-producing improvements

System Managers

#### Frontline Staff

## People with Lived Experience

#### Lake Co., Illinois



#### **Discuss at your table**

1. Where's the opportunity for us to do this at home?

 Considering system managers and frontline staff, what should we learn, decide, or figure out this week in order to better co-produce improvements?
We've got 2 days to figure out a small test of change. System Managers

Frontline Staff

## People with Lived Experience

#### **Maurice Lattimore**

#### Discuss at your table

 Co-producing with people with lived experience: Why is it important to do?

2. In what ways will it benefit the work?

3. What's in it for me or my role in the work?

#### "Nothing about us without us"

#### Tips to get started now

- Use visual tools & methods to support a variety of learning styles
- Flatten structure to share power as much as possible
- Build "slow down" moments into execution
- De-jargon language and define all terms so that people feel less intimidated coming to the table
- Share generously & transparently

# Feedback: "Co-Producing Improvements"



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