

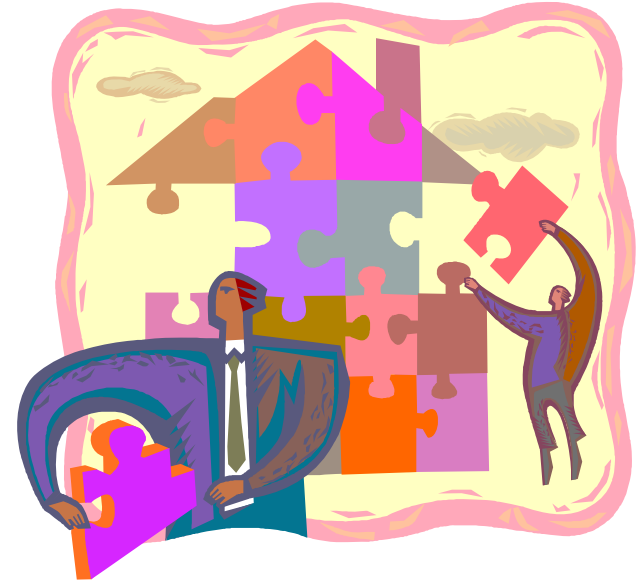
Seven Steps to Reaching the Hearts of Humanity



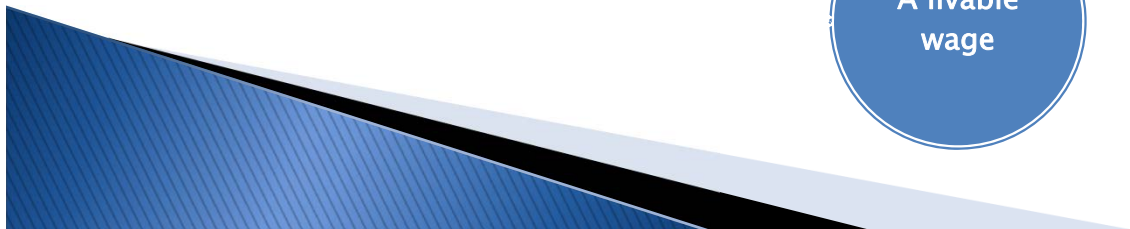
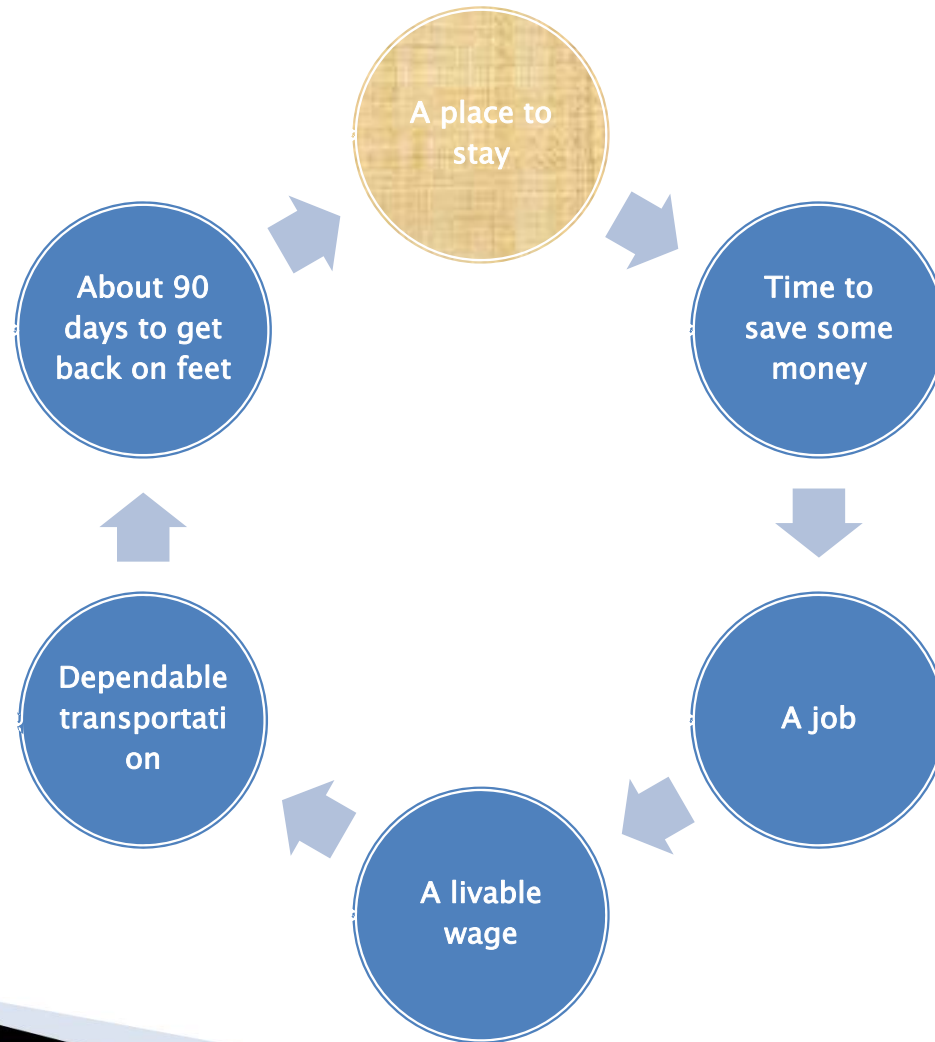
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Make a commitment to understand the problem...

- ❖ Cost of living has surpassed wages
- ❖ More than 48% are under employed
- ❖ More than 62% are homeless for first time
- ❖ Homeless prevention support not available
- ❖ Lack of accessible housing
- ❖ Inability to access housing that's available

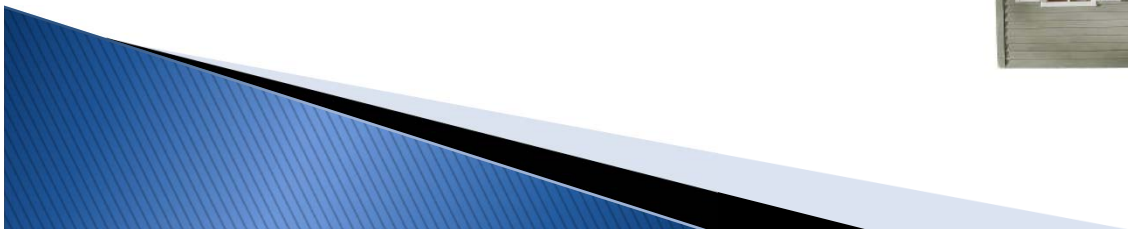


What will it take for most to get back on their feet?



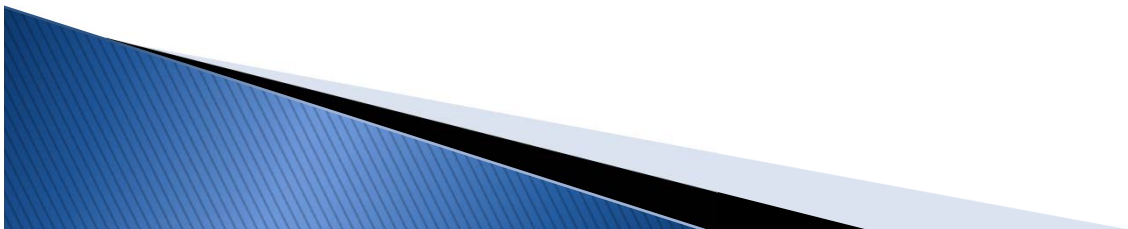
Different Kinds of Homelessness

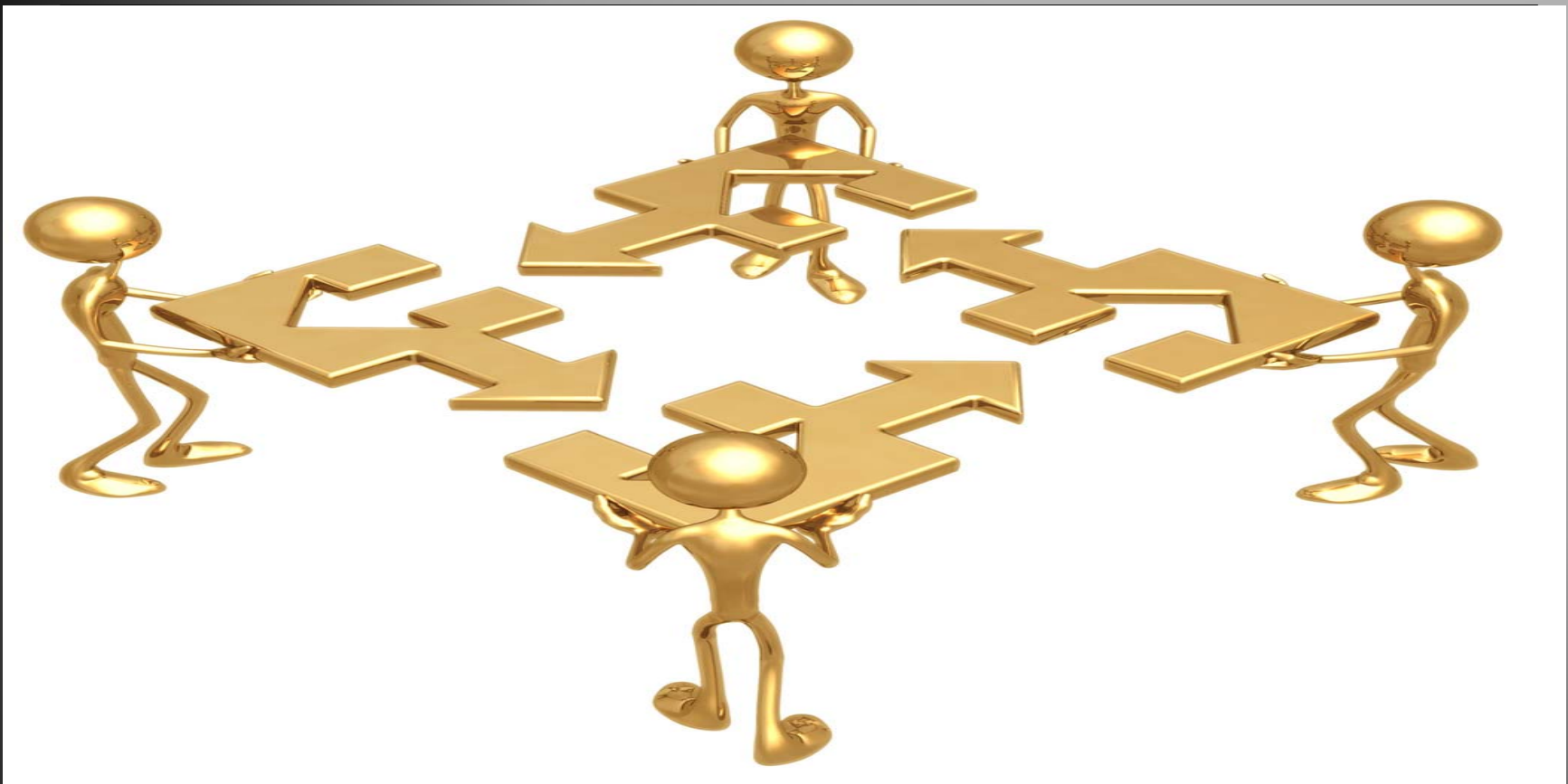
- ❖ Chronic Homelessness
- ❖ Situational Homelessness
- ❖ Families, Children, Individuals, Unaccompanied Youth
- ❖ Rural vs. Urban



Greatest need for emergency housing....

- ▶ Children
- ▶ Aging Adults 45+
- ▶ Medically Fragile/Recuperative Care
- ▶ Recently Released from Incarceration
- ▶ Mental Health Diagnosis
- ▶ Developmentally Disabled
- ▶ Veterans





Step 2 is to Learn how to Effectively Collaborate



Four Levels....



Information Sharing

Coordinating Services

Evaluating Current Processes and
Continuums

Community and Client Driven

Step 3 Spend time with and listen to the people...

- ❖ Assumptions are disallowed
- ❖ Every person has a story
- ❖ All of us have gifts and talents

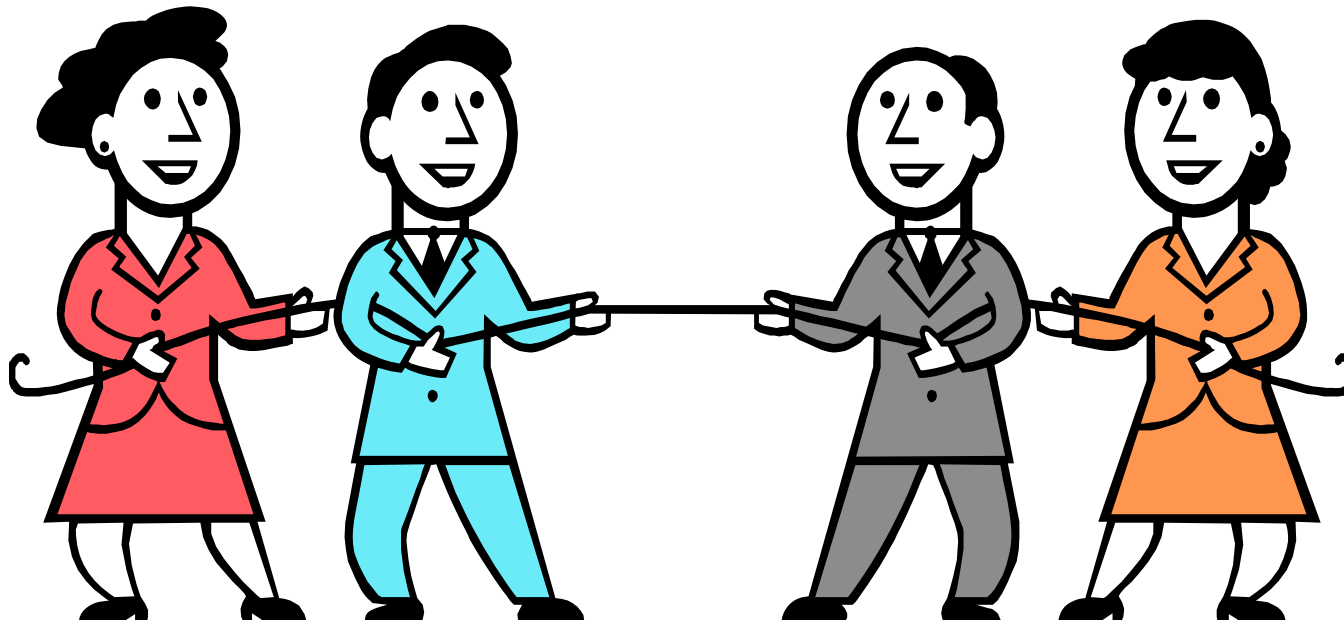


Step 4 Establish your vision



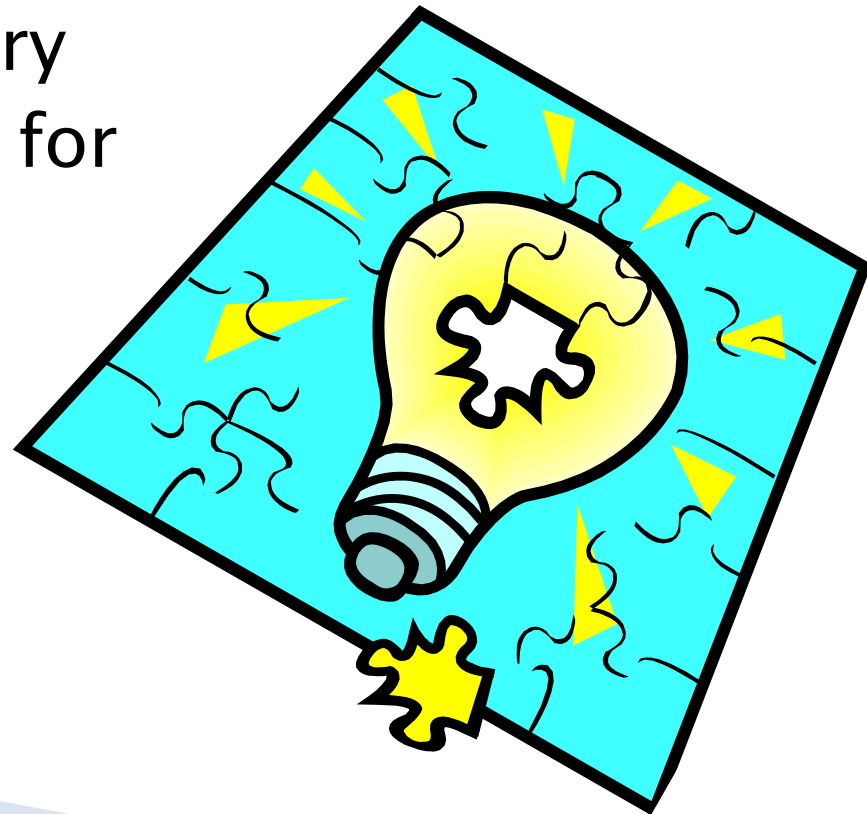
Step 5 Be prepared for conflict

- ❖ Where there is no tension there is no vision



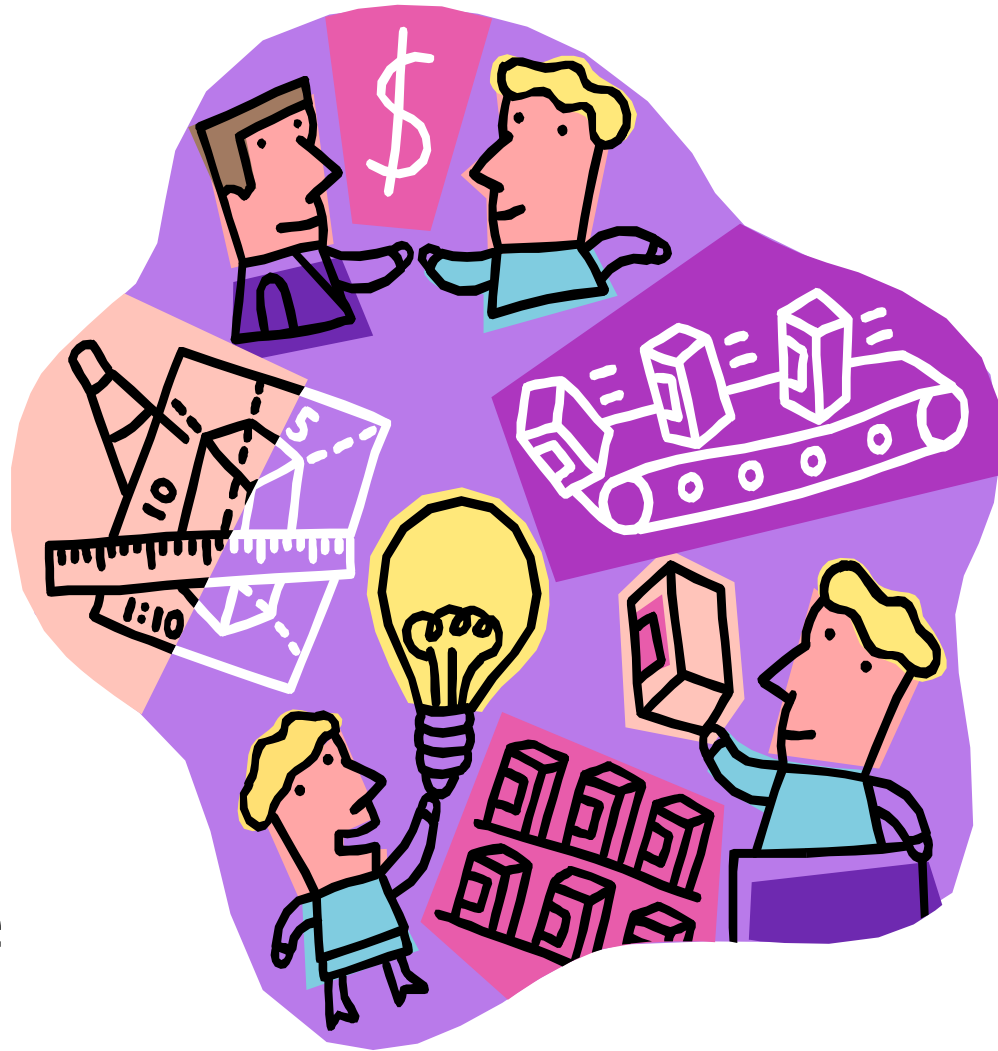
Step 6 Think outside the box

- ❖ Consider all needs, wants or desires...write them down....
- ❖ What will work in your community
- ❖ Gifts/Talents Registry
- ❖ Make Opportunities for participation.

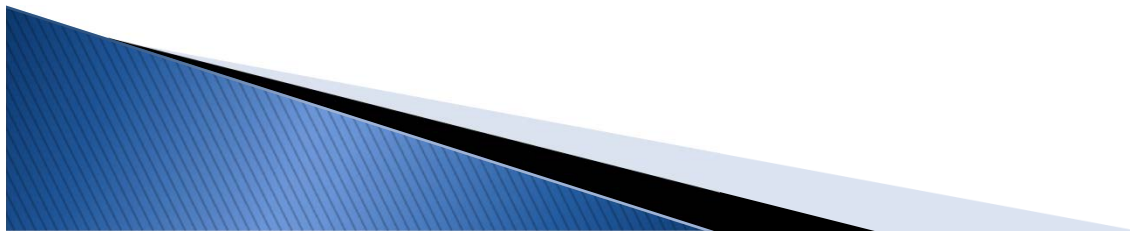
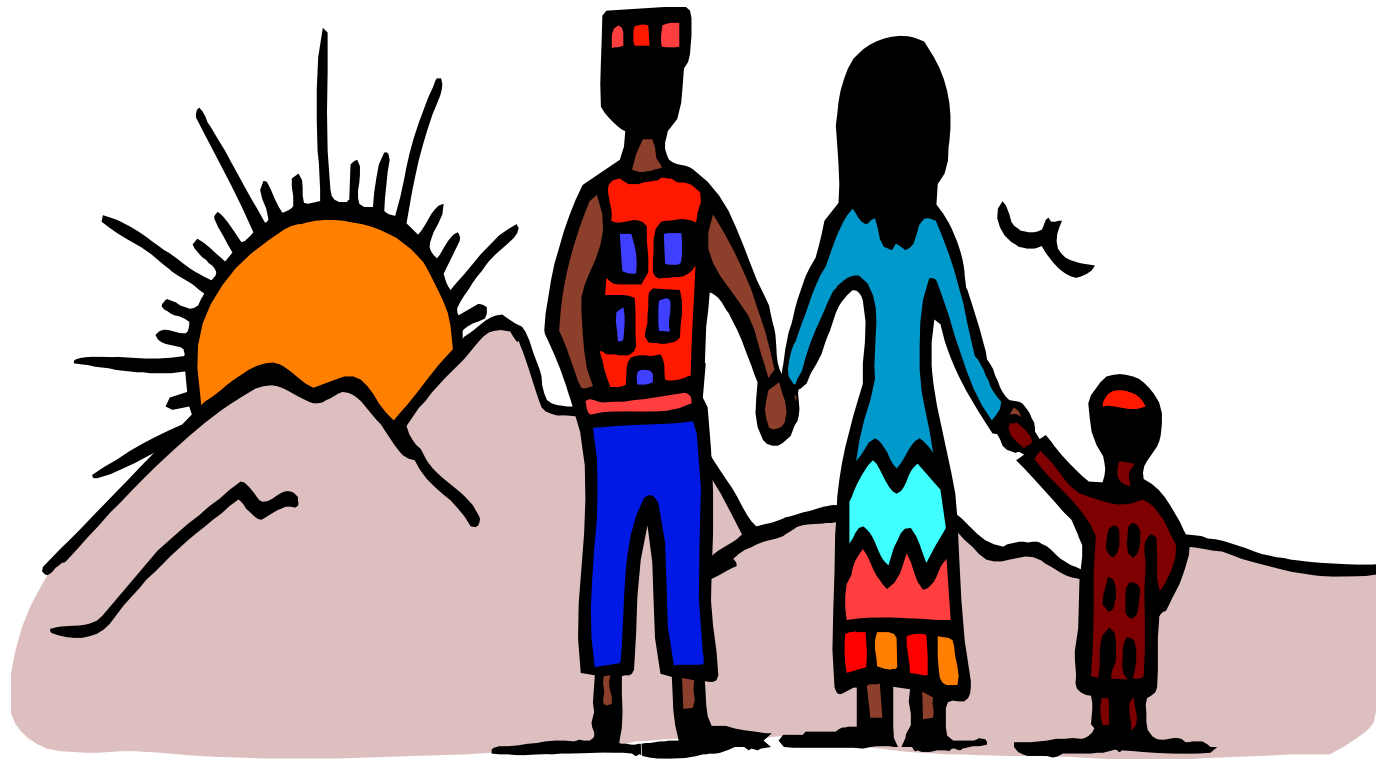


Step 7 Work a plan

- ❖ Plan
- ❖ Work
- ❖ Evaluate
- ❖ Re-evaluate
- ❖ Stay the Course



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