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Harm Reduction in Bridge Housing A Facilitated Discussion

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DHCS Welcome

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Who is Here?

Share your:

Name

County

Why did you pick this session to attend? -or- What do you hope to hear from others in this space?

About Harm Reduction

- Harm reduction is about safety & health: sunscreen, seat belts, speed limits, cigarette filters - lots of behaviors come with risk & potential harm
- Offers services without judgement, coercion, or preconditions
- "Abstinence only" doesn't work for everyone and puts people in a win/lose dichotomy that can become fatal
- Harm reduction is client-centered, strengths-based & trauma-informed

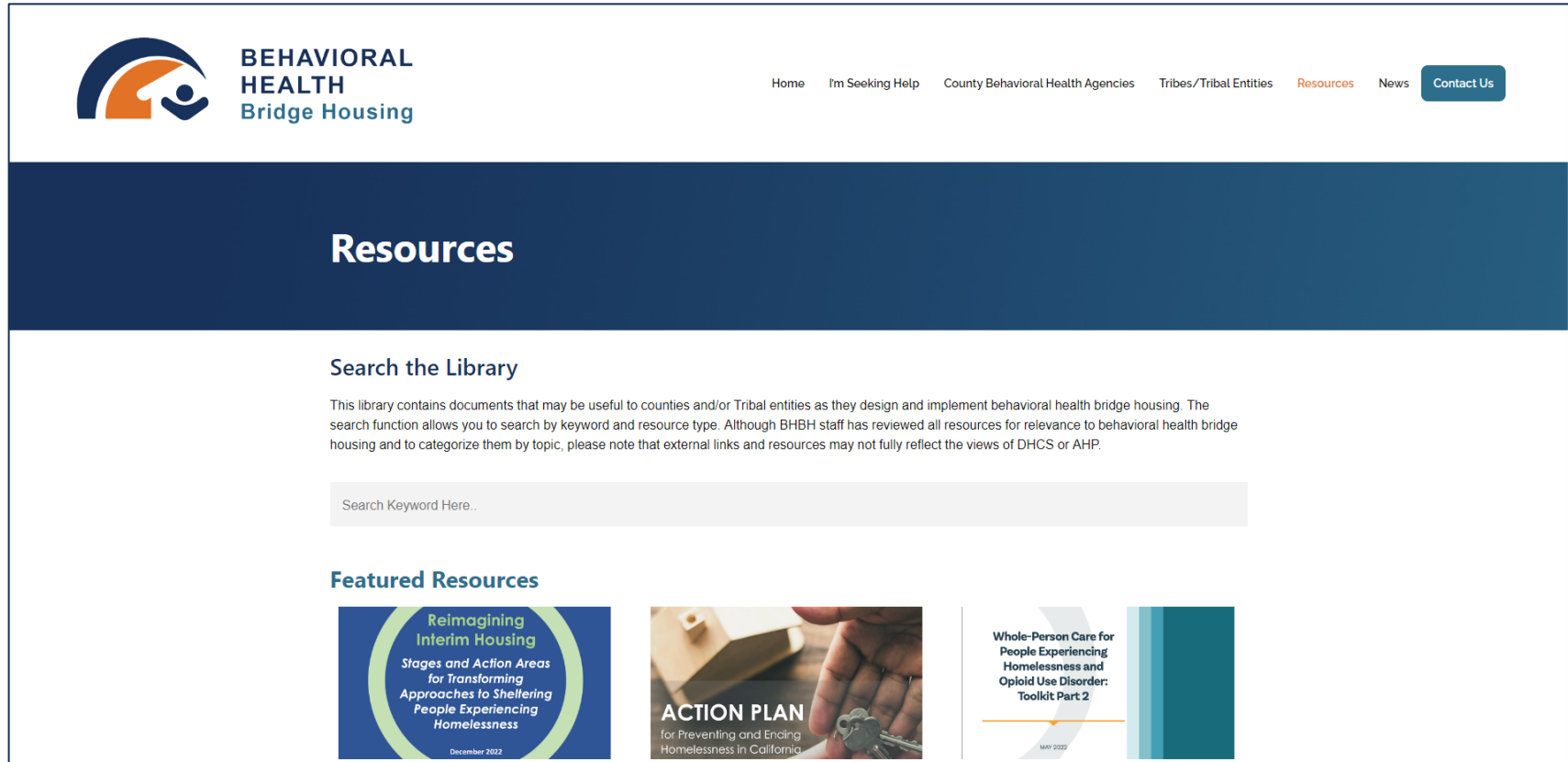




Discussion Points

1. What parts of harm reduction do you agree with?
2. How has harm reduction looked in your environment?
3. What are the challenges?
4. What are 3 ways you can implement harm reduction in BHBH?
5. What outcomes do you expect?

Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Resource Library



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This library contains documents that may be useful to counties and/or Tribal entities as they design and implement behavioral health bridge housing. The search function allows you to search by keyword and resource type. Although BHBH staff has reviewed all resources for relevance to behavioral health bridge housing and to categorize them by topic, please note that external links and resources may not fully reflect the views of DHCS or AHP.

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Stages and Action Areas for Transforming Approaches to Sheltering People Experiencing Homelessness
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- ACTION PLAN**
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