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Core Principles

1. Start with what matters to people: wellbeing.
2. Push against harms being concentrated in communities already facing the greatest adversity.
3. Build on, instead of undermining, social connections and social capital in communities.
4. Build financial stability.
5. Span boundaries.
6. Set our default to sustaining transformation beyond the pandemic.

Principle 1: Start with what matters to people: wellbeing

Recommendation 1.2.4

Use person-centered language in policy and practice

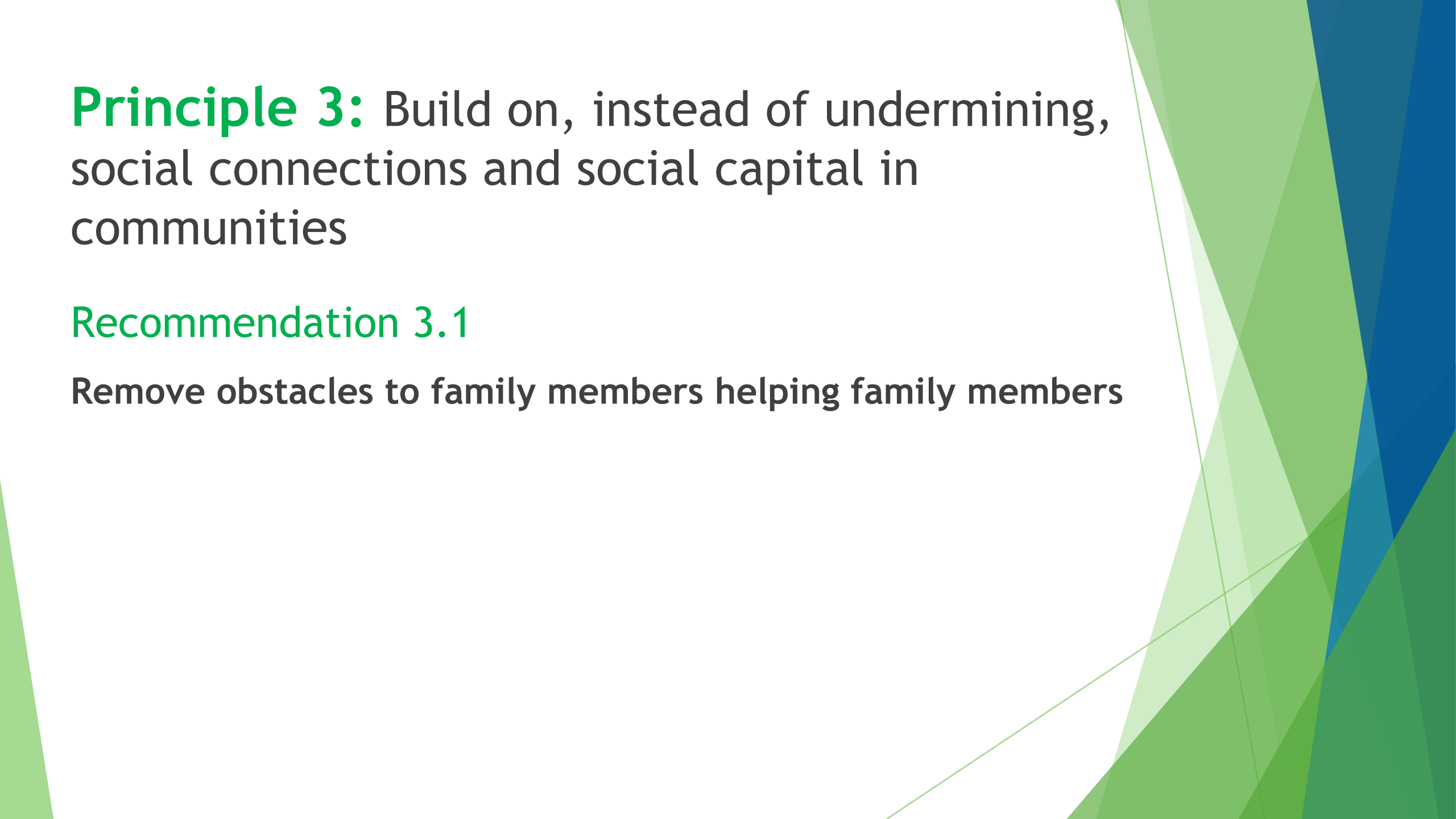
Labeling people by their issue triggers cognitive “othering,” reinforces the silos of our system and confuses the person with the issue identified. Eliminate labels, that reinforce the very identity everyone seeks to move beyond, particularly because these labels are applied disproportionately to people of color and reinforce false narratives that behaviors are concentrated in certain communities.

Principle 2: Push against harms being concentrated in communities already facing the greatest adversity

Recommendation 2.2.1

Remove criminal history as an automatically disqualifying event

Do not use criminal history as an automatically disqualifying event for housing, jobs, benefits, foster care placement and more, as people of color are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice and child welfare systems.



Principle 3: Build on, instead of undermining, social connections and social capital in communities

Recommendation 3.1

Remove obstacles to family members helping family members

Q&A Session

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Resources

- ▶ **Justice Gap Report:** lsc.gov/media-center/publications/2017-justice-gap-report
- ▶ **Self-Represented Litigation Network:** www.srln.org
- ▶ **MDExpungement:** <https://www.mdexpungement.com/>
- ▶ **National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel:** civilrighttocounsel.org
- ▶ **Justice in Government:** american.edu/spa/jpo/current-projects.cfm
- ▶ **Urban Institute Research Report:** Relief from Government-Owed Child Support Debt and Its Effects on Parents and Children
- ▶ **Urban Institute Blog:** What Happens When We Forgive Debt from Child Support Payments?
- ▶ **Justice Index:** justiceindex.org
- ▶ **National Center for Medical Legal Partnership Report:** Building Resources to Support Civil Legal Aid Access in HRSA Funded Health Centers

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