



Meeting with a Client



First Visit with a New Client:

1. Introduce yourself and the agency you work with.
2. Explain peer education and who you are.
3. Explain confidentiality.
4. Get verbal/written consent from client to begin helping her as a peer.
5. Ask open-ended questions about the client's needs and listen.
 - Seek information from client regarding her situation.
 - Seek information on client's health behaviors (ex. Is she taking medications, has a doctor, safer sex, drug use, etc)
 - What are barriers present in client's life?
 - What are resources available in client's life?
 - What are client's immediate needs? What can peer do for the client?
6. Provide emotional support and find a way to connect.
7. Fill out necessary paperwork.
8. Set priorities or goals for next meeting.
9. Set up next meeting time (crucial!).

Tasks for Peer Before Next Visit with Your Client:

1. Search for appropriate referrals for client's needs.
2. Communicate with referral source and coordinate services if necessary.
3. Follow-up with the client regarding referral.

At the Next Meeting with Your Client:

1. Check-in with client regarding referrals and last meeting.
2. Follow through with support and addressing needs.

Things to Remember:

Recognize own need for support from supervisors, co-workers and others.

Recognize your need for self-care and personal reflection.

You may not follow these steps in this order but make sure to cover ALL the steps.