



PATHFINDING OUTFITTERS

We want to discover pathways to freedom & apply our discoveries to the design of supports that promote thriving relationships, neighborhoods & communities.

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How might we...?

Borrowed from [Design Thinking](#), this is a helpful way to frame questions worth exploring. It assumes that no matter how good our current effort, even more is possible.

How might we become even better able to...

- ... listen in ways that bring us into deeper contact with one another's dreams & shapes powerful visions that inspire creative action.
- ... discover, develop, & exchange gifts.
- ... create opportunities for diverse friendships & connections.
- ... treat community as our greatest resource: come together to act—as people, families, & organizations—to exchange contributions, accommodation, & assistance.
- ... build community by increasing people's positive influence on neighbors, co-workers & fellow citizens.
- ... engage families as co-creators of opportunities to build community & flip taken-for-granted service practices .
- ... ally with people who are easily silenced & excluded & support them to take steps into owning their stories & dreams.
- ... notice & resist ways that people are reduced to “clients”, commodities, or sources of financial profit.
- ... engage system created challenges with clarity of values & creativity.

How might we continually strengthen our organizational culture & offer the conditions necessary to...

- ... develop the confidence to act in a field often saturated by a sense of scarcity & feelings of fear, anxiety, & powerlessness.
- ... create space for moral & ethical reflection & action.
- ... struggle to harmonize multiple voices—the voice of people, families, supporters, community voices, & the voice of the community living movement—in common purpose & direction.

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This page illustrates the effects of different ways of summarizing a conversation. A few words in the Chat capture a personally meaningful conclusion from many words & tones exchanged in conversation. The Miro Board assembles Chat entries into themes as it's operators see them. This display goes through two generations of refinement. This summary goes back to the chat entries and fits them into a very restrictive frame to focus a next stage of inquiry. At every step meaning is lost or distorted as the price of focus & direction.

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- ... cultivate kindness, empathy & respect for the dignity of every person.
- ... increase hunger to learn more.
- ... try new ways & learn from what works & what does not.
- ... slow down & open hearts & minds to take in daily moments & the rhythms of people's experience.
- ... tune in to the bigger picture in our neighborhoods & communities as well as they way our system is developing.
- ... to shape & publicly promote a bold vision of people as contributing community members, living in their own places, in control of their lives.
- ... hold big dreams as the seeds of innovation.