

Strategically Responding...

SUSTAIN TALK

“You know I need my stuff (drugs). I can’t go miles from here where I have no connections. That won’t work for me.”

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“Knowing that, what would be your best case scenario?”

“There is part of you that wants to stay safe and find a way to make this work.”

“Why won’t that work for you?”

“This option doesn’t feel realistic.”

CHANGE TALK

“I’d consider it if you all would help me get my shit together when this is all over.”

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“Tell me what you would like to see happen for you when this crisis is over?”

“You want to take this crisis and make it an opportunity to get your life back on track.”

“What makes you think people wouldn’t want to help you if you were trying?”

“You’re worried about what will happen after this crisis passes.”

CHANGE TALK & SUSTAIN TALK

“I know what I need to do to keep myself safe, I don’t need help from anyone.”

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“How have you been able to keep yourself healthy on the streets?”

“You have survival skills that have worked well for you.”

“Why won’t you trust us when we are here to help?”

“You think it is smarter to deal with it on your own.”