

A FREE STATEWIDE THEATRE AND PUBLIC DIALOGUE TOUR AIMED AT COMMUNITY LISTENING, TACKLING STIGMAS AROUND MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SHARING RESOURCES AND EXPLORING STRATEGIES FOR CARE ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES.

- PUBLIC PERFORMANCES
- WORKSHOPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF, HEALTH PROVIDERS AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS
- A COMMUNITY MEETING

"ONE OF THE BEST CONVERSATIONS I'VE HAD WITH BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF. THIS WORKSHOP NOT ONLY ADDRESSED IMPORTANT ISSUES BUT ALSO EMPOWERED US TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN OUR COLLECTIVE JOURNEY TOWARD EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING WITHIN OUR SCHOOL AND OUR COMMUNITY. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND STATE OF MIND TO ANYONE.

- RAYMOND DEBRUYCKER, PRINCIPAL, CONRAD HIGH SCHOOL



"A POWERFUL, HOLISTIC EXPERIENCE THAT BRINGS A COMMUNITY TOGETHER AROUND MENTAL HEALTH. IT'S A STUNNING BLEND OF STORYTELLING, VULNERABILITY, AND CARE - CRAFTED AND DELIVERED WITH EXTRAORDINARY COMPASSION. THE STATE OF MIND TEAM DOESN'T JUST VISIT - THEY LEAVE COMMUNITIES STRONGER, MORE OPEN, AND MORE CONNECTED. EVERY COMMUNITY DESERVES THIS KIND OF HEALING AND HOPE."

- CASSIE WEIGHTMAN, ABILITY MT, BUTTE







## PROGRAM GOALS

STATE OF MIND AIMS TO ENHANCE MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN MONTANA, PARTICULARLY FOR ITS MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS BY:

- MAKING LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES MORE VISIBLE
- STRENGTHENING LOCAL NETWORKS OF ADVOCATES, PROVIDERS, EDUCATORS, AND LEADERS
- TACKLING STIGMAS AROUND SEEKING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT
- ACTIVATING YOUTH VOICES IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF LOCAL NEEDS AND VISIONS
- EXPLORING AND NORMALIZAING CARE STRATEGIES FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS
- LISTENING. BRINGING LOCAL PERSPECTIVES INTO STATEWIDE CONVERSATIONS.

"THIS EVENT BROUGHT OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN CONVERSATION AND INSPIRED US TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX WHEN
IT COMES TO GENERATING SOLUTIONS AND PREVENTION
EFFORTS THAT ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE SPECIFIC NEEDS IN OUR
COMMUNITY."

-CASEY DRISCOLL, FLATHEAD COMMUNITIES THAT CARE,
KALISPELL

"FROM START TO FINISH, STATE OF MIND IS A VERY MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE AN ASSET TO ANY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY THAT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THIS FREE OPPORTUNITY!" "

-GINA LAMB, EASTERN MT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER,
MALTA



IMPACT

HERE ARE JUST A FEW WAYS SOME COMMUNITIES ARE EXPERIENCING STATE OF MIND.

- -BIG SKY AFTER ATTENDING OUR STUDENT WORKSHOP AND THE SHOW, A STUDENT ATHLETE/LEADER STARTED A PEER SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH GROUP ON CAMPUS.
- HELENA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE STRUGGLING WITH THE SUICIDE OF A BELOVED TEACHER. WE HELPED THEM, ALONGSIDE TEACHERS, SCHOOL LEADERS AND PARENTS, EXPLORE STRATEGIES FOR CONNECTION AND COMMUNICATION. THEY ATTENDED THE SHOW WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THANKED US.
- -BAKER AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING WE CO-HOST, A PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL DESCRIBED THE NEED FOR A SECOND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW) IN TOWN; A PROBATION OFFICER IN THE COUNTY REALIZED IF SHE DEFINED A CHW AS A LOCAL PREVENTION EFFORT, SHE COULD ALLOCATE YOUTH COURT DOLLARS TO THIS NEED; THIS NEW COLLABORATION IS NOW IN PROCESS.
- MALTA AFTER OUR FREE PERFORMANCE WAS STAGED IN A NEW RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, THE COMMUNITY MEETING WE CO-HOST IS LEADING TO A NEW INTERGENERATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM BRINGING ELDERS AND YOUTH INTO RELATIONSHIP AND ACTIVITY TOGETHER.

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"THE PERFORMANCE SUCCESSFULLY DECONSTRUCTS MONTANA'S OVERWHELMING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTO MANAGEABLE PIECES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE AND ACTIONABLE."

- MIRANDA ZENT, SW MONTANA PREVENTION, DILLON

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