



Healthy Start Virtual Grantees' Meeting

Partnering with Faith Leaders and the Faith Community

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Agenda



Housekeeping	Sandra Widland, NICHQ
Introductions	Dawn Levinson, MCHB DHSPS
Partnering with Faith Leaders & the Faith Community	Ben O'Dell
Q&A	All
Closing	Sandra Widland, NICHQ



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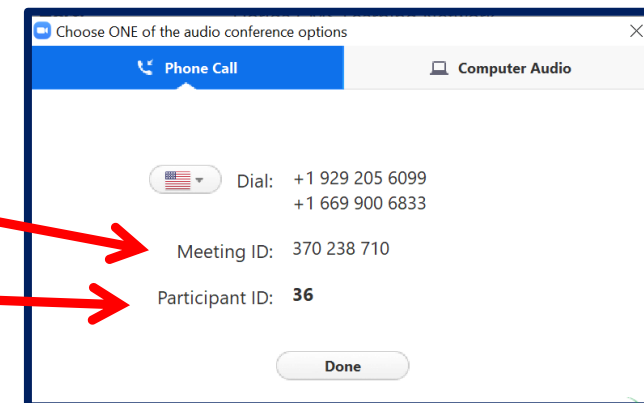
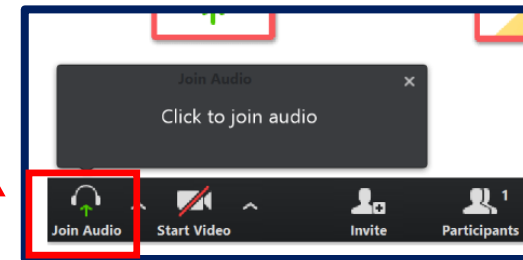
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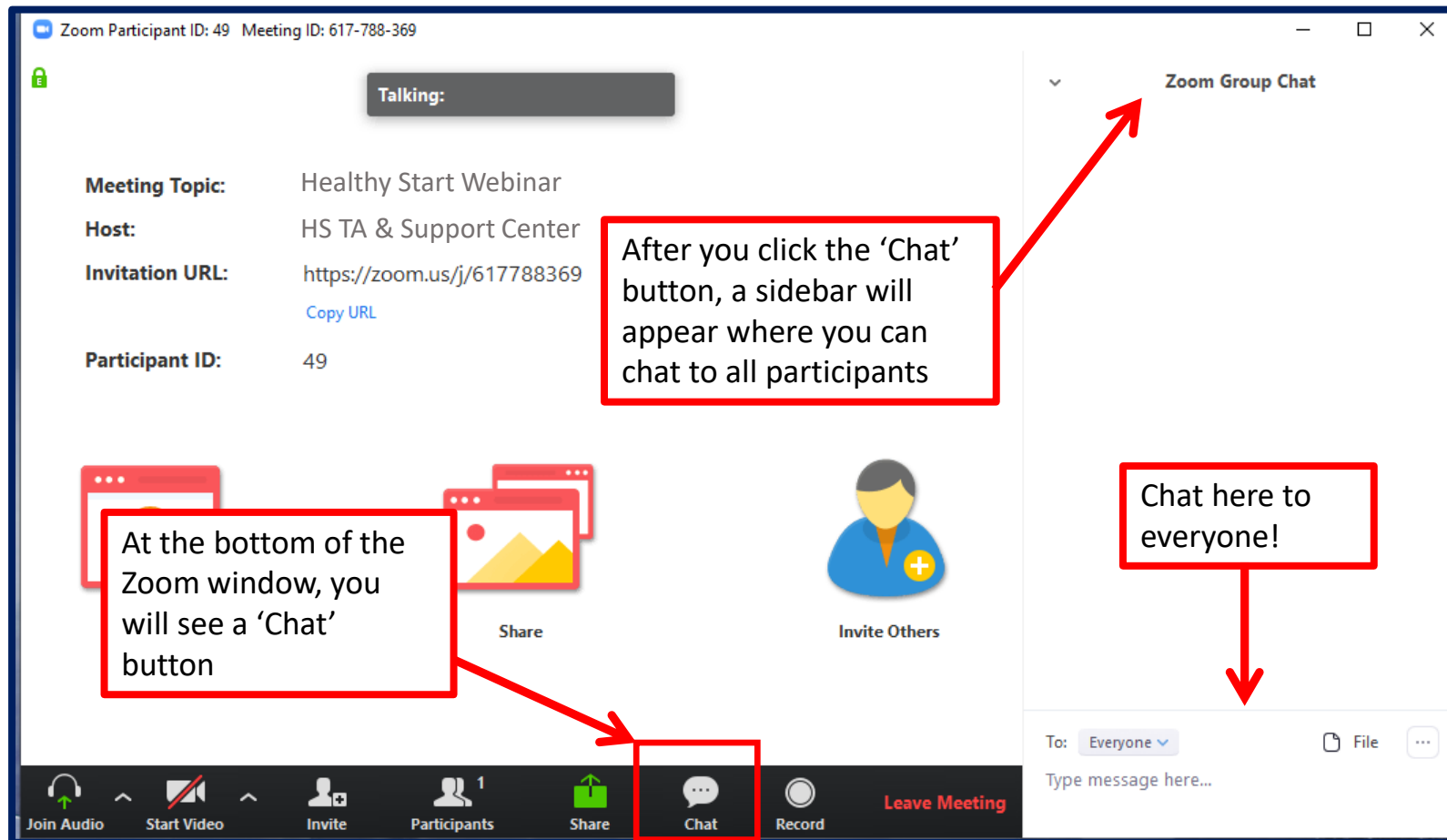


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Ways to Participate: Chat



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- Throughout the meeting, post about what you're learning/enjoying about the meeting
- Include the hashtag #HealthyStartStrong and be sure to tag @NICHQ

We Are #HealthyStartStrong



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Learning Objectives



- Encourage and strengthen engagement with faith and community leaders
- Consider new ways to address maternal and child mental health
- Promote sustainability for program through community engagement



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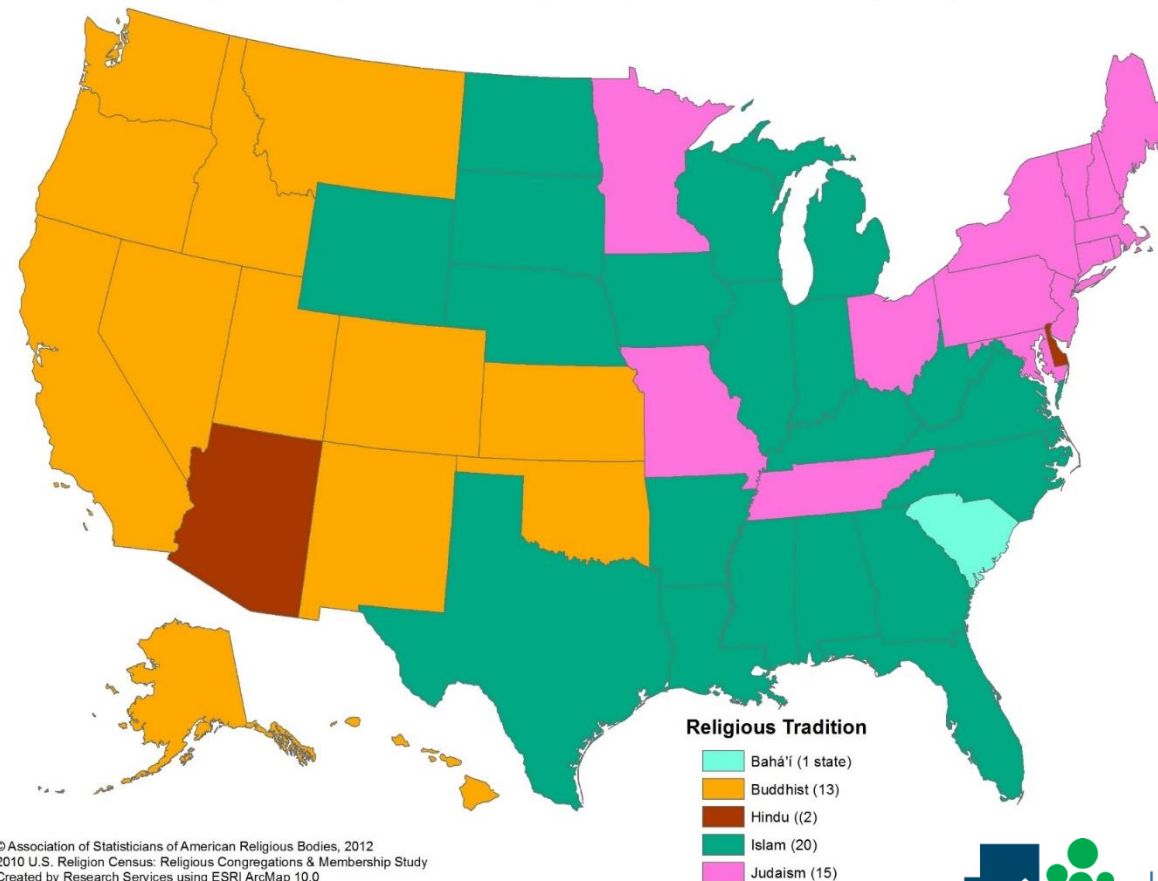
Why Faith-based?



- Religion plays a central role in the lives of most Americans:
 - 84% of Americans are affiliated with a religious tradition.
 - 60% of Americans turn first to their religious leaders for advice and direction after a disaster.
 - There are approximately 345,000 congregations in the U.S., compared to 105,000 schools/universities.

What is the second largest religion in your state?

Second Largest Religious Tradition in Each State, 2010
(Christianity remains the largest religious tradition in every state)



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2010 U.S. Religion Census: Religious Congregations & Membership Study
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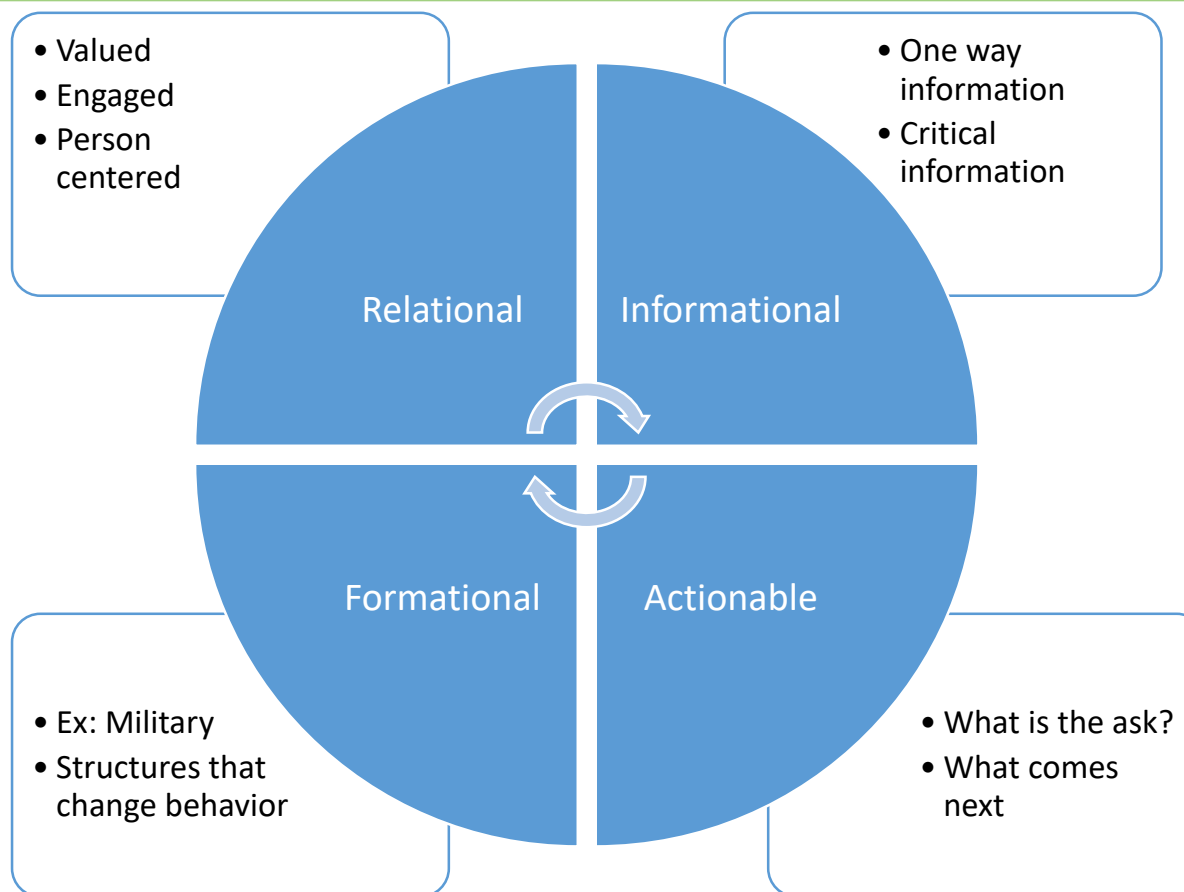
Actions for faith engagement



- Attend meetings
- Connect informally
- Ask questions
- Engage networks
- Respect the community
- Validate staff
- Celebrate success
- Meet small goals first



Principles for Faith/Community Engagement



Compassion in Action: A Mental Health



- A tool for faith communities
- Taking mental health seriously
- Engaging mental health professionals
- Walking alongside individuals at community support

The Seven Principles



1. The Inherent Dignity Principle
2. The Illness Principle
3. The Caregiver Principle
4. The Professional Assistance Principle
5. The Treatment & Medication Principle
6. The Complexities Principle
7. The Hope Principle



Mental Health, COVID-19 and Faith Communities



Considering Faith, Community, and Mental Health During the COVID-19 Crisis

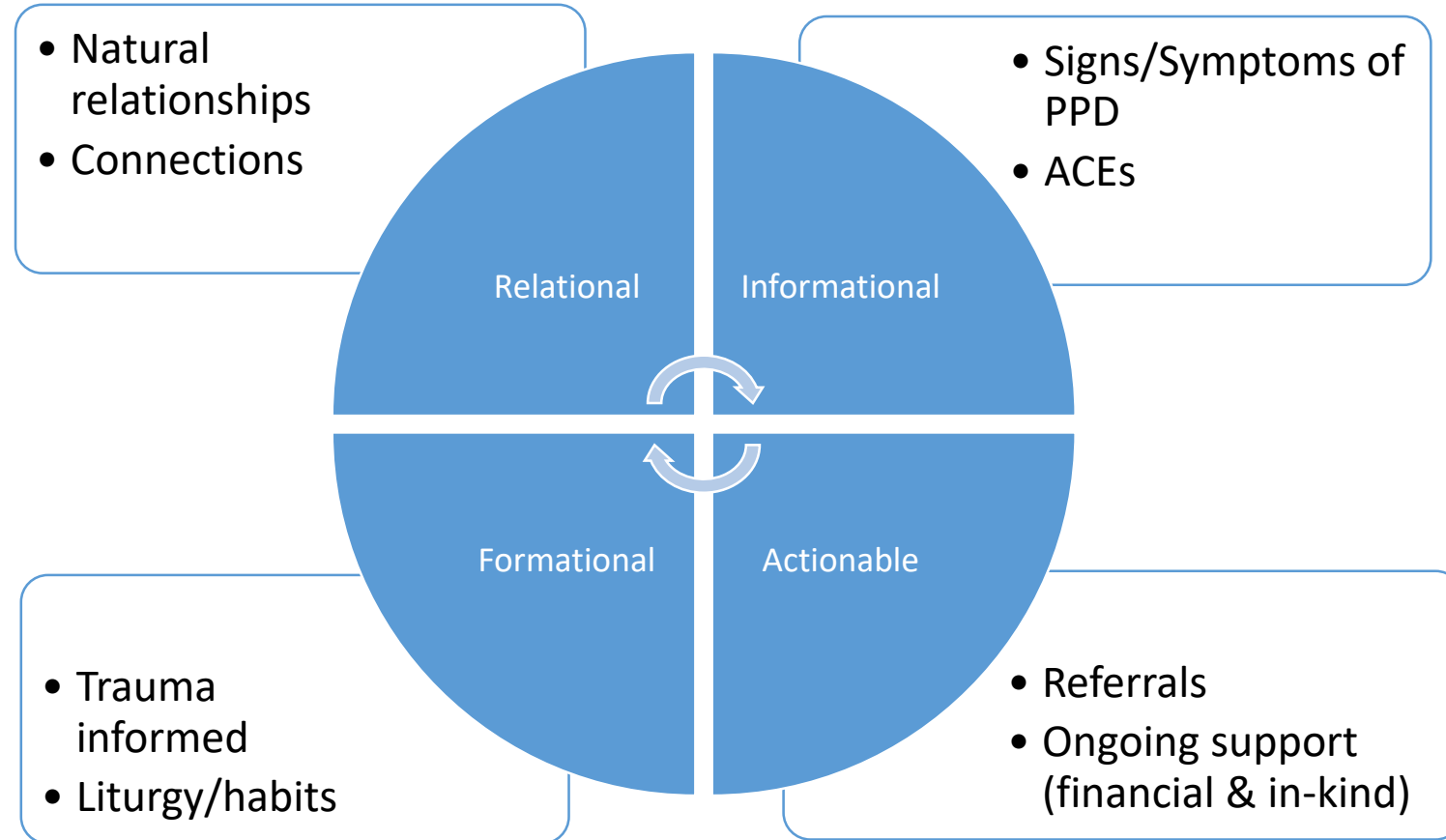
According to a recent [survey](#) released by the American Psychiatric Association¹, many people have significant anxiety and concerns related to coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

- Nearly half of Americans (**48%**) are anxious about the possibility of getting coronavirus.
- Nearly four in ten Americans (**40%**) are anxious about becoming seriously ill or dying from coronavirus.
- Far more Americans (**62%**) are anxious about the possibility of family and loved ones getting coronavirus.

- Religion as source of strength
- Leaned on during time of crisis
- Meaning making
- Resources to address mental health during these times



Faith-based engagement on Maternal and Child Mental Health



Thinking well about Robust Community Engagement



When “our” problem becomes a “community” problem



Questions?

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Closing

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Updates from HRSA's Federal
Office of Rural Health Policy
Beginning at 4:30 p.m. EST