

# Core Care Coordinator Training Day 3

Primary Care Development Corporation

## Core Care Coordinator Training Objectives

By the end of the day, you will be able to:

1. Describe best practices in transitions of care
2. Discuss how your colleagues can assist in finding solutions to challenging situations
3. Discuss how looking through a poverty lens is helpful in care management work
4. List and discuss some of the hidden rules for the different classes
5. Discuss professional boundaries and appropriate actions/responses in different situations
6. Reflect on the three days of training with PCDC

# Connecting with Others Activity

# Transitions of Care

# Care Transition

- Movements of patients from one care setting to another
- Can be an extremely vulnerable time for patients and their caregivers
- Unique vulnerabilities for patients with multiple chronic conditions, mental illness or substance use disorders

## Transitions of Care: Statistics

- Poor care coordination increases the chance that a patient will suffer from a medication error or other health care mistake by 140 percent.
- Communication failures between providers contribute to nearly 70 percent of medical errors and adverse events in health care.
- Uninsured patients or those with Medicare or Medicaid are 60 percent more likely than those with private insurance to go to the ED for follow-up care instead of a PCP or outpatient clinic.

Getting to Impact: Harnessing health information technology to support improved care coordination *December 2012*  
[http://statehieresources.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Bright-Spots-Synthesis\\_Care-Coordination-Part-I\\_Final\\_010913.pdf](http://statehieresources.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Bright-Spots-Synthesis_Care-Coordination-Part-I_Final_010913.pdf)

## Transitions of Care: Statistics

- 17% of adults hospitalized in previous two years reported that information about their care had not been communicated to them
- 27% said the hospital made no arrangements for follow-up visit in primary care
- 67% who were given a new prescription were not told whether to take their other medications
- 48% reported receiving no information on medication side effects
- “Taking the Pulse of Healthcare Systems: Experiences of Patients with Health Problems in Six Countries.” Health Affairs Web Exclusive, November 3, 2005, W5-509-5252

# Transitions of Care: Statistics

## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Data states:

- 19% of patients had identifiable adverse events in the first 3 weeks home.
- 73% of older patients misused at least one medication.



# Transitions of Care Exercise

# Best Practices around Care Transitions:

## Five key Areas to Focus on:

- Patient/Family Engagement and Activation
- Medication Management
- Comprehensive Transition Planning
- Care Transition Support
- Transition Communication

# Patient/Caregiver Engagement and Activation: Typical Failures

- Self-care:
  - Unrealistic optimism of patient and family to manage at home
  - Patient lack of adherence to self care
  - Multiple drugs exceed patient's ability to manage
- Care planning
  - Failure to include patient and care givers
  - Lack of understanding of patient's physical and cognitive functional health status
  - Multiple providers; patient believes someone is in charge
- Health Literacy:
  - Patient/caregivers fail to ask clarifying questions on plan of care

# Patient/Family Engagement and Activation: Best Practices

- Self-care:
  - Assessment is conducted of patient/caregiver's ability to provide self-care after discharge
  - Post discharge telephone care management
- Care planning
  - Work with patient/caregivers to prepare for post discharge visit (goals, questions, concerns)
- Health Literacy:
  - Embed health literacy principles into all patient education and materials
  - Employ Teach Back method
  - Provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care

# Medication Management: Typical Failures

- Oversight of Medication List:
  - Medication list is incorrect
  - Interaction of medication from multi-prescribers not assessed
  - No care provider assigned accountability of the patient's medications
- Communication:
  - Lack of communication with providers across the continuum of care
- Patient/Caregiver engagement:
  - Understanding of patient's ability to take medication not assessed
  - Patient does not have resources to obtain medication after discharge

# Medication Management: Best Practices

- Assess knowledge
  - Assess patient's knowledge of medications, include Teach Back and include this information in care plan
- Communication:
  - On transition the patient's most current reconciled medication list is provided to the next care provider
- Medication List:
  - A written list of medications is provided to the patient and family including name, dose, route, purpose, side effects and special considerations
- Bring in pharmacists:
  - For patients with complicated medication regimes, pharmacy may perform patient education, medication review, follow up phone calls, in home visits

# Comprehensive Discharge Planning: Typical Failures

- Discharge Planning Process:
  - Failure to actively include the patient and caregivers in identifying needs and resources
- Discharge Plan Content:
  - Written discharge instructions confusing, contradictory, hard to understand
  - Lack of an emergency plan, who the patient should call first, lack of understanding of red flags
- Care Coordination:
  - Lack of coordination and information sharing between facility and community care providers including primary care
  - Multiple care providers; patient believes someone is in charge
  - Patient returns home without essential equipment (scale, supplemental oxygen)

# Comprehensive Discharge Planning: Best Practices

- Discharge Planning Process:
  - Work with patient and family/caregivers to prepare for post discharge visit planning
- Written discharge plan includes (in plain language):
  - Reason for hospitalization
  - Medications to be taken post discharge
  - Self-care activities such as diet and activity
  - Supplies needed and where to obtain them
  - Symptom recognition and management-who to contact and how to contact them if needed
  - Coordination and planning for follow up appointments
  - Community resources patient will utilize such as Meals on Wheels, home health care, physical therapy, etc.



# Transition Care Support: Typical Failures

- No follow up appointment scheduled
- Follow up with provider too long after hospitalization
- Follow up is seen as sole responsibility of patient
- Patient unable to keep follow up appointments because of transportation issues
- Multiple care providers; patient believes someone is in charge

# Transition Care Support: Best Practices:

- Assess the patient's understanding of the discharge plan by asking them to explain the details of the plan in their own words
- Assign accountability for patient issues between hospitalization and next provider visit, and inform the patient who is in charge of their care and how to contact them
- Provide telephone reinforcement of the plan 2-3 days after discharge
- Provide a coach for a pre-discharge hospital visit, home visit and follow up telephone calls

# Transition Communications: Typical Failures

- Poor documentation of hospital care
- Medication discrepancies
- Discharge plan not communicated in a timely fashion
- Poor communication of plan to the nursing home team, home health care team, primary care team or family/caregivers
- Discharge instructions missing, inadequate, incomplete, or illegible

# Transition Communications: Best Practices:

- At every point during the care transition, patients and their families know who is responsible for care and how to contact them
- As the hub of care, coordinating clinicians/care managers provide timely communication to other care providers
- A section on the transfer record is devoted to communicating a patient's preferences, priorities, goals and values (i.e. the patient does not want to be intubated)

# Lunch

# The Poverty Lens



# Living in Poverty and Middle Class Activity

# Poverty is about doing without these resources...

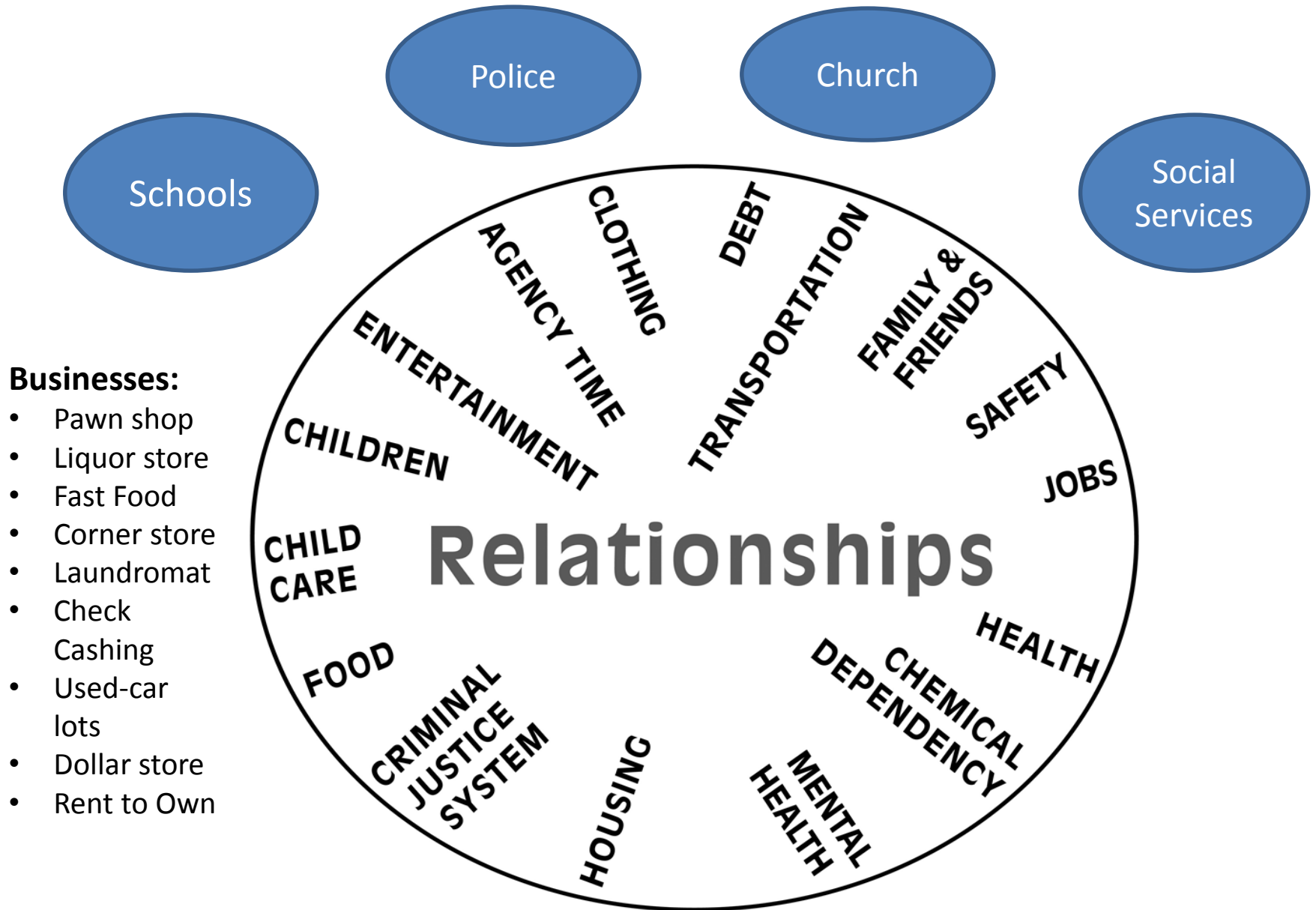
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- Formal Register



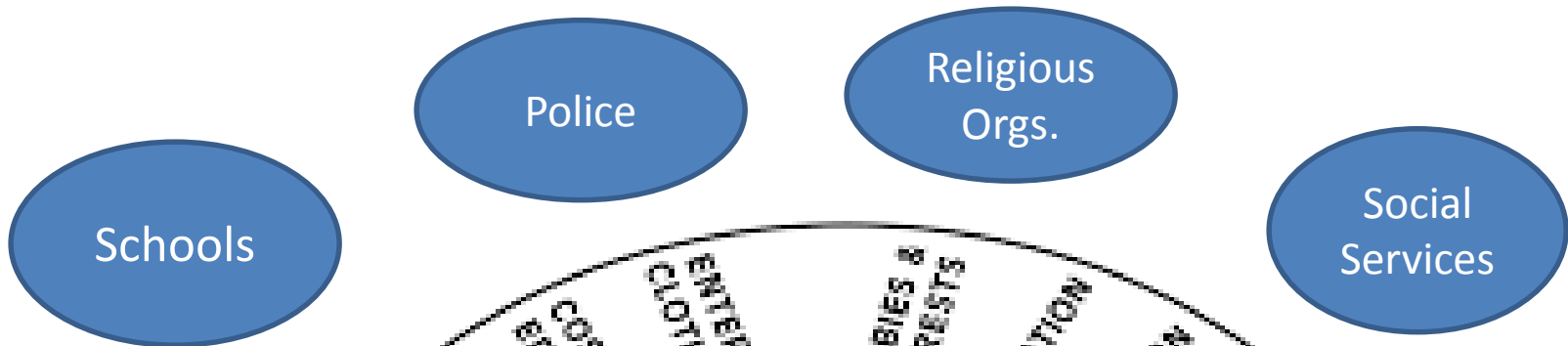
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# Mental Model for Poverty



# Model for Middle Class



**Businesses:**

- Shopping malls
- Bookstores
- Banks
- Fitness Centers
- Vet Clinics
- Office Complexes
- Coffee Shops
- Restaurants
- Bars
- Golf Courses

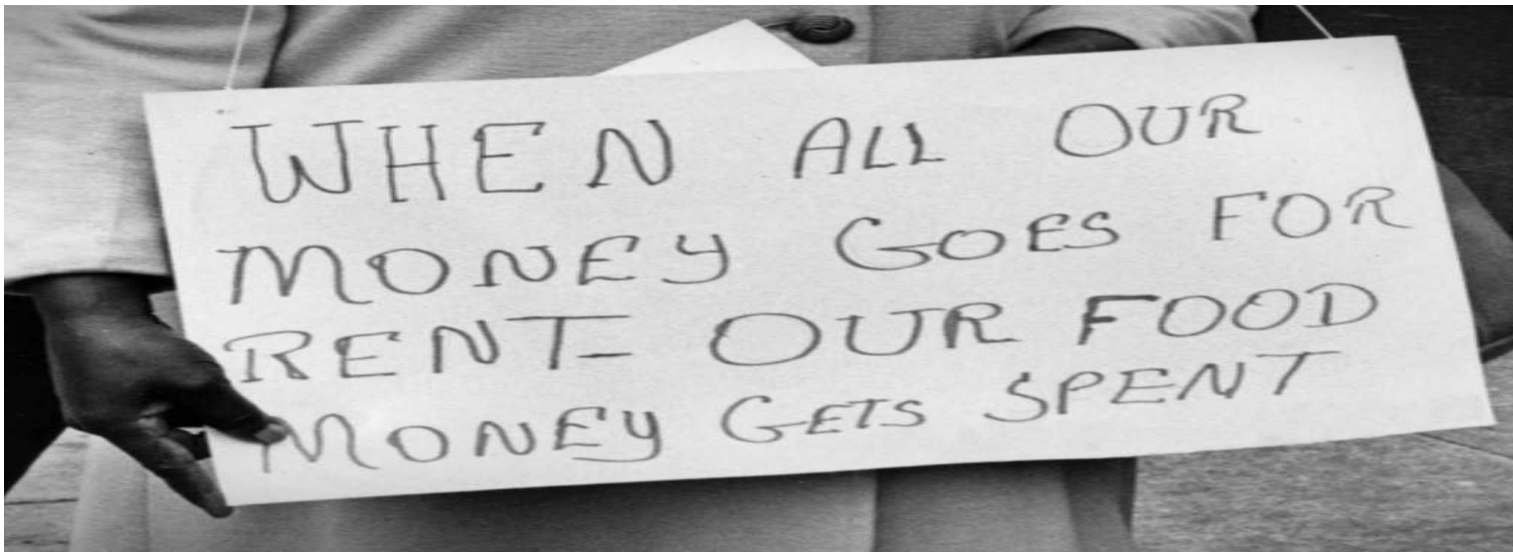
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# Financial Resources

- Having enough money to buy things
- Stable shelter and food
- Hunger and malnutrition impacts thinking and health



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# Emotional Resources

- Emotional resources get drained.
- Lack of control/lack of power in of many situations.
- Can't control things like unpredictable work hours, can't afford to leave abusive boss, etc.

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# Mental Resources

- Fundamental Literacy
- Health Literacy
- Using these to get through daily life (both with health and non-health related situations)
- Can you follow the directions to take your prescription medicine correctly?
- Can you understand and follow the directions for preparation for a procedure?

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# Support Systems

- Having friends, family, and backup resources available in times of need.
- Key resource
- External
- Do you have transportation to get to doctor?
- Do you have someone to care for children if you are sick or overwhelmed or just need a break?
- Do you have people who can offer sound advice?

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# Physical Resources

- Having physical health and mobility
- Taking care of yourself (dressing, feeding, getting to bathroom, etc.)
- If you need a caretaker, there is one less person in the home earning money

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# Spiritual Resources

- Having hope for the future and a story for yourself for the future (seeing yourself positively in the future)
- Does not necessarily mean you are religious
- Without a future story, little point to staying healthy, and changing health behavior

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# Relationships and Role Models

- Having strong relationships with people you care about and who care about you
- Having frequent contact with adults who are nurturing, and help you problem solve, grow, and learn
- Bonding relationships are people who are like you
- Bridging relationships are people who are different than you and can help you move in a more healthy direction

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# Formal Register/Fundamental & Health Literacy

- Language used in business, and institutions
- Critical



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# Time Resources

- “The trouble with being poor is that it takes up all your time.”  
(Willem de Kooning)
- Resources are so low that TODAY must be the focus
- Robs people of their future story
- Make decisions based on NOW and TODAY, not the future
- Relationships and survival are most important (helping a neighbor get their car started is more important than being on time to your medical appointment)

# Knowledge of Hidden Rules

- Knowing the unspoken cues and habits of a group
- Always know the rules of the group you were raised in, but don't always know the rules of the group you are moving into
- Knowing the rules of another socio-economic class is an important resource

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# Shared Decision Making

# What is Shared Decision Making?

- Shared decision making is a process where healthcare providers and patients work TOGETHER to make important health decisions, often about complicated treatments
- The best decision takes into account evidence-based information about available options, the provider's knowledge and experience, and the patient's values and preferences

Source: The SHARE Approach. Essential Steps of Shared Decision Making: Quick Reference Guide, AHRQ, <http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/education/curriculum-tools/shareddecisionmaking/index.html>

# 1<sup>st</sup> Step – Involve Patient

- Get the patient involved
- Choices exist and there are options
- Include family and friends as appropriate
- Summarize health problem
- Use health literacy principles

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Step – Help Patient Explore and Compare Treatment Options

- Discuss benefits and harms of each treatment option
- Use health literacy principles to be sure they fully understand – plain language, diagrams, videos, etc.
- Assess what they already know
- Clearly describe risks and benefits
- Use teach-back

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Step – Assess Patient Values and Preferences

- Take into account what matters most to the patient and their family
- Encourage patient to talk about what matters most to them (recovery time, cost, being pain free, having a specific level of functionality, etc.)
- Ask open-ended questions
- Actively listen
- Reflect

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Step – Reach a Decision with Patient

- Guide patient to make the best decision for them by asking if he/she is ready to make a decision
- Ask if they need additional resources (information, decision aids)
- See if he/she needs more time to make a decision
- Ask patient about any possible barriers and try to trouble-shoot beforehand
- Confirm decision by using teach back
- Schedule the treatment or follow up appointment

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Step –Evaluate the Decision

- Track progress on the decision to see how it is working
- Assist him/her with any barriers or challenges as they come up
- Revisit the decision to see how it is going, if it needs to be changed, or if other decisions need to be made after some time

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# Professional Boundaries

# Personal Boundaries

- Rules or limits that a person creates to identify what are reasonable, safe and permissible ways for other people to behave with them
- Guidelines that a person creates that will dictate how a person will respond when someone steps outside of those limits
- Built out of a mix of beliefs, opinions, attitudes, past experiences and social learning

# Why are Personal Boundaries Important?

- Establish you as an individual with your own needs
- Key to ensuring relationships are mutually respectful, supportive, and caring
- Allow you to take care of yourself by maintaining control of what you need to feel safe, secure and appreciated

# What happens when someone has no boundaries?

- Exhaustion
- No respect
- Resentment
- Exploding Anger



# Why would someone have trouble with boundaries?

- Most people who have trouble with boundaries have good intentions
- They don't want to hurt or disappoint others
- They like to please others and make them happy
- They worry that if they set boundaries they will lose friends or negatively alter relationships

**There is a “happy medium” in which people can be considerate of others and considerate of themselves.**

# Professional Boundaries

- Mutually understood, unspoken, physical and emotional limits of the relationship between the patient/client and staff (care manager) (Farber et al. 1997)
- Can be messy & tricky

# Professional Boundaries

- Effectively establishing and maintaining professional boundaries is essential when providing healthcare
- Provide limits that enable care managers/others to interact with others in a professional setting
- Ensure a secure and therapeutic environment where the care manager and patient are mutually respected

# Boundaries help protect the patient

- You as the healthcare provider have power
- Boundaries help keep that power in check
- Boundaries create standard ground rules so everyone knows what is expected and how to behave

# Boundaries help protect you

- Keep you clear about your role
- Help prevent you from “burning-out”
- Allow you to take care of yourself so you can continue to care for others

# How are Professional Boundaries Established?

- By law
- Set by licensing and/or certifying bodies
- Facility sets policies
- Individually

# What is the Connection between Personal Boundaries and Professional Boundaries?

- Everyone has their own personal boundaries
- It's important to be aware of your boundaries and others, such as your patients and co-workers in order to maintain positive relationships



**Boundaries are proactive, not reactive.**

# Boundaries are proactive, not reactive

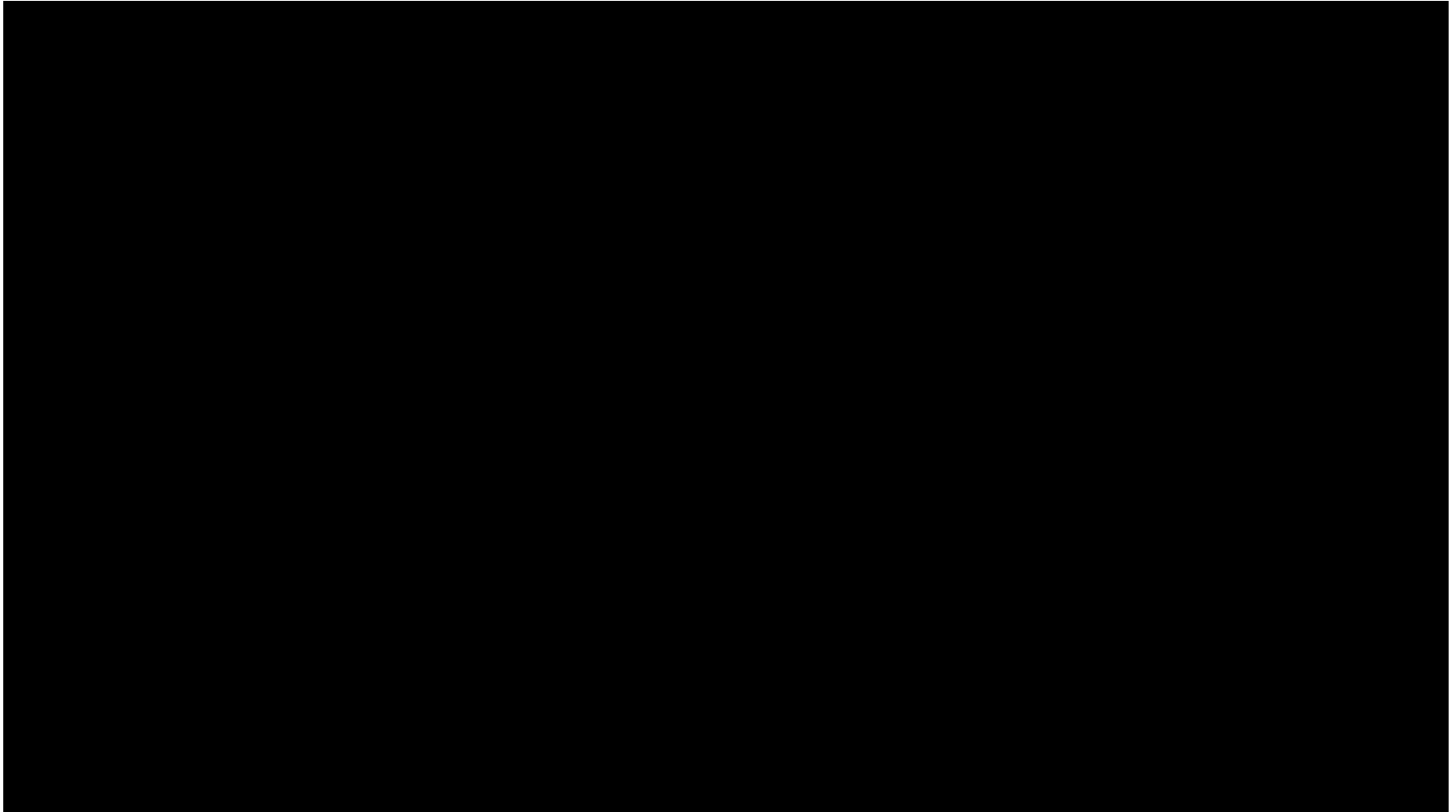
- A good boundary is set ahead of time, and is transparent
  - i.e. “We have fifteen minutes for the visit. I am not able to do that today but will connect you with someone who can.”
  - It is not a patient’s fault if they call you at 2 am to ask you ask a question if you never told them during what hours they can and can’t use the contact number you gave them

**It is our job to take care of ourselves, just as it is ultimately the patient or client's job to take care of themselves.**

# Professional Boundaries Activity

# Professional Boundaries Video and Discussion

# Professional Boundaries Video



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74kKWrhTKbl>

# Care Coordination work can make it challenging to maintain boundaries

- Work closely with patients
- Develop trust and learn a lot about their personal lives
- Line between personal and professional can become blurred

# Some people think that working on in healthcare means going “above and beyond the call of duty”

- Involvement beyond your professional role opens you up to personal liability
- Involvement beyond your professional role establishes unrealistic expectations that can quickly get out of control



## “Keep it Professional”

- **Know your role:** Explain to patients/clients what you can and cannot do for them
- **Keep it simple:** Patients are easily overwhelmed by too much information. Do not share other patient’s stories or experiences. Do not share or compare your personal health stories with theirs.
- **Ultimately patients are responsible for their own health:** Be patient. Accept that some patients will not use the information or resources that you provide, or may delay or refuse care.
- **Recognize that some situations and patients may be particularly stressful and challenging for you and be prepared.**

# Reflection Activity



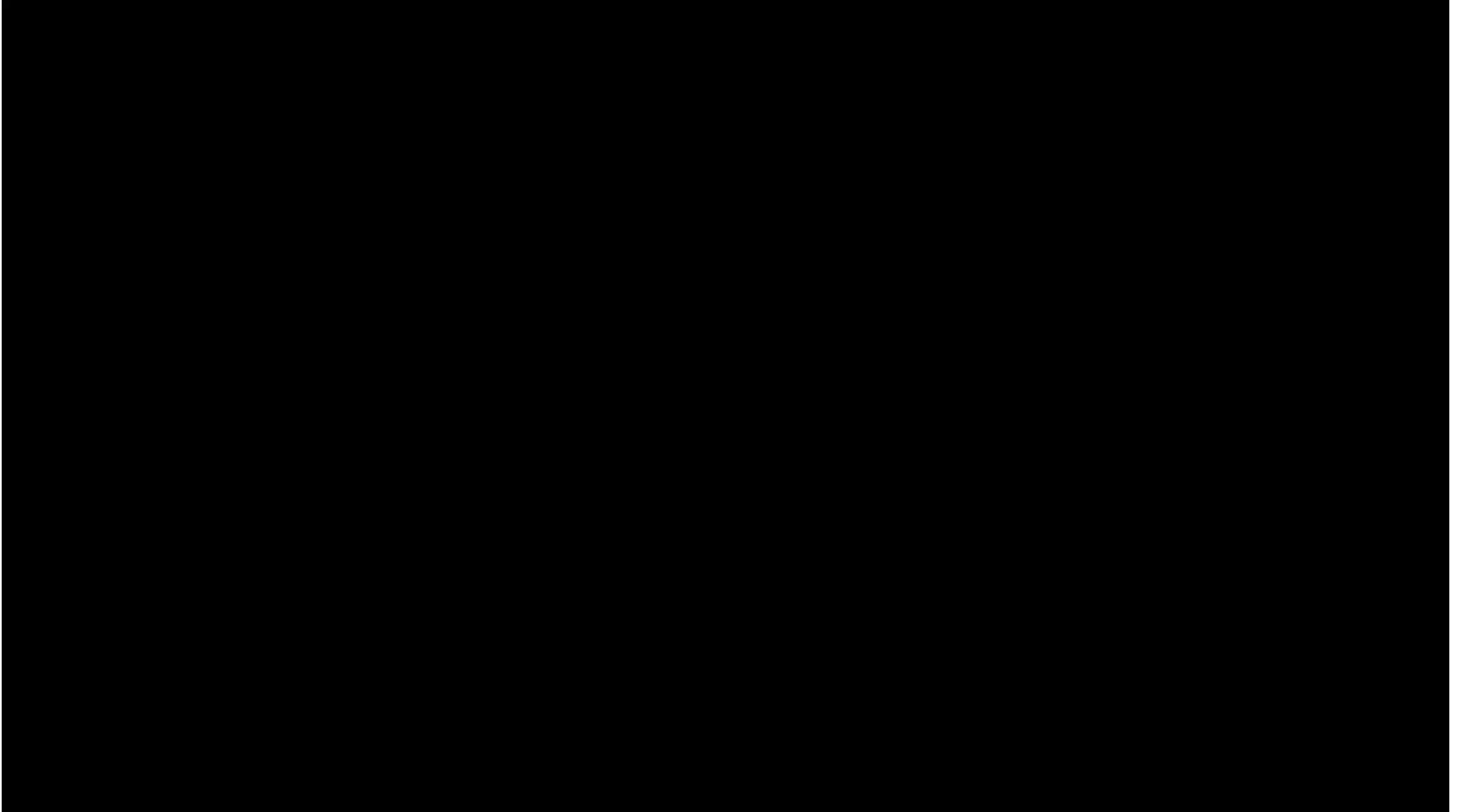
# Care Coordination Training Topics

- Care Coordination and Care Management
- Patient Engagement and Health Literacy
- Helping Patient Cope with Chronic Disease
- Care Coordination and Team-Based Care
- Values and Bias
- Person-Centered Assessment and Care Planning
- SMART Goals
- Stages of Change Theory
- Motivational Interviewing
- Health Coaching
- Best Practices in Transitions of Care
- The Poverty Lens
- Professional Boundaries

We do not learn from  
experience... we learn  
from reflecting on  
experience.

- John Dewey

# Video - Northern Piedmont Community Care



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gxfxo3ejP8c>

# Wrap Up/Evaluations