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# (T)ogethe(R): Supporting Students & Families through Transition

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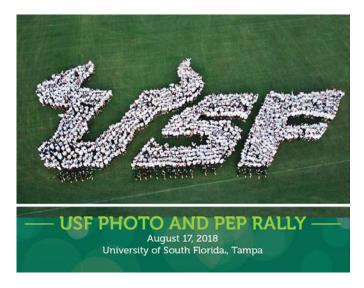
# **New Student Connections and Parent & Family Programs**

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#### Agenda

- Session Outcomes
- Context & External Factors
- Theoretical Framework
- Framework: Student and Family Support
- Lessons Learned







# University of South Florida, Tampa

- Public Metropolitan Research I University
- A Preeminent Research University: FL
- Top 25 Public Research University: NSF
- 42,000 enrollment: 72% UG / 26% GR: Tampa
- 4,400 new FTIC students; three enrollment terms
- Fall 2018 FTIC profile: Average SAT score 1283;
   HS GPA of 4.09: Tampa campus
- State performance based funding model
- 3 campuses: consolidating into 1 by July 2020







## **Office Creation**

- Established in 2007
- Separate orientation unit
- Goal: drive retention #'s and sense of belonging
- Purpose: continue the support postorientation by providing support throughout the academic year
- Given a mix of offerings to elevate
- 2011: First strategic plan
- PFP joined in 2013



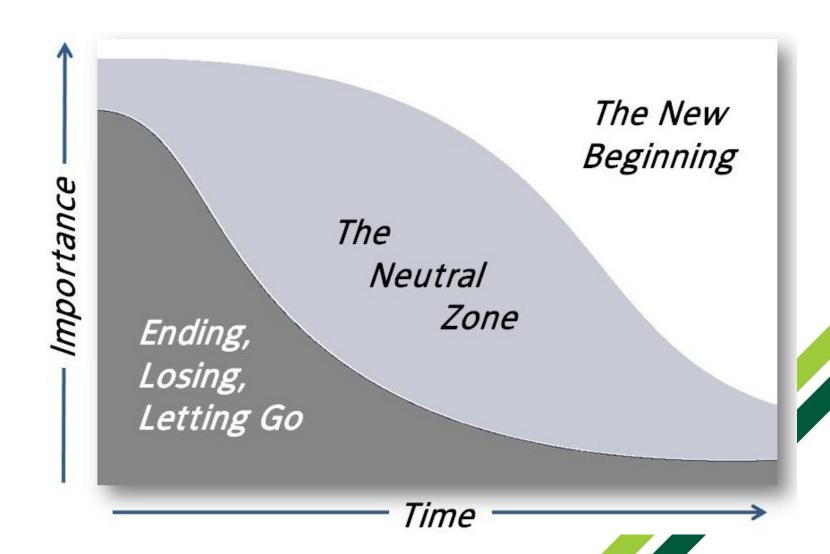


## William Bridges Transition Theory

A model that explains the process of transition.

This three stage model focuses on the adjustment that people make when they are going through a transition.

**Bridges** states that "transition starts with an ending and ends with a beginning.





# Theory to pRactice: 2011

#### **Institutional Priorities**

- Alignment: Dean of Students unit
- Programming was a priority and valued

#### **Philosophical Approach**

- Serving the whole, programming for the masses
- Data = participant attendance, program retention rate

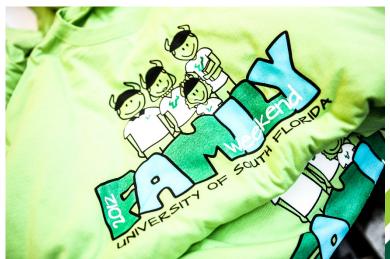
#### **Offering Enhancements**

- Students: Week of Welcome: Kickoff, Class Photo;
   Network; Extended Orientation: First Fifty Days;
   Summer experience
- Families: PFP aligned with NSC in 2013

#### **Self Reflection**







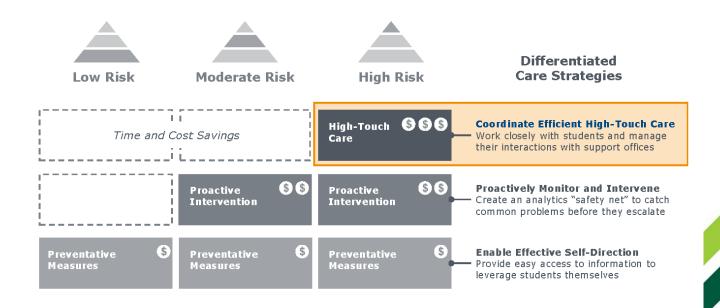
# **Population Health Management**

Population health management involves using predictive analytics to segment populations into smaller groups, identified by risk factors so staff can assign support services/interventions to each group.

#### Defining a Differential Care Strategy



What Would Population Health Management Look Like in Higher Education?







# Theory to pRactice: 2016

#### **Institutional Priorities**

- Alignment: Undergraduate Studies
- Student Success Metrics = Preeminence, Case management lens

#### **Philosophical Approach**

- Division: Student success is everyone's responsibility
- Unit: Using institutional data to drive support

#### **Offering Enhancements**

- Students: Peer Coaching, Meet and Go's
- Families: Family Coaching, aligned education/outreach with transition curriculum

#### **Self Reflection**





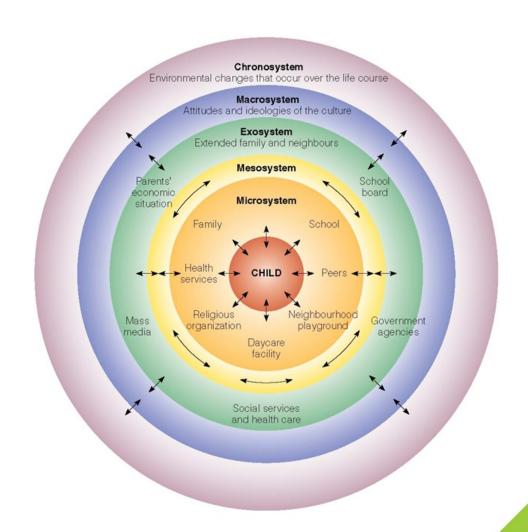


# Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems Model

Belief that human development is influenced by the different types of environmental systems we interact with.

Theory identifies five environmental systems with which an individual interacts.

The theory offers a framework through which we can examine individuals' relationships within communities and the wider society.





# Theory to pRactice: 2017

#### **Institutional Priorities**

- Alignment: Undergraduate Studies
- Student Success Metrics = Preeminence, Case management

#### **Philosophical Approach**

- Division: Right information, right student, right time
- Unit: Relational Model, FYE/family learning outcomes
- Leveraging predictive analytics to identify students

#### **Offering Enhancements**

- Students: Peer Coaching
- Families: Family Coaching
- Campus: Enhanced partnerships: campus referrals & crossfunctional teams

#### **Self Reflection**







# **Lessons Learned: Reflecting Back**

#### **Challenges**

- Had theory, no seamless application; had programs/services, limited continuity
- Needed a way to distinguish ourselves from other units
- Searched for a way to pull the various pieces together into a seamless framework

#### Insights

- Model wasn't built overnight
- External factors influenced the direction
- Had to take risks: not everything was successful
- Positioning / Alignment was the key
- Hire great, talented staff; build great relationships with colleagues





# **Our Model: How Theories Intertwine**

SUPPORT	APPROACH	POPULATION SAMPL	E INTERVENTION
Low:	Baseline	All	#HowToCollege/Family newsletter
Moderate:	Community	Self-Identified	Network-Meet & Go's/Family Weekend
High:	Targeted	Data Driven	Peer & Family Coaching



## Low Level = Baseline

#### **Definition**

Large Scale program/service initiatives

#### Population = Baseline

All incoming students/families

#### Intervention/Service

- Student: #HowtoCollege <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x\_aji0f492Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x\_aji0f492Y</a>
- Family: Monthly family newsletter

#### Reflection

- Strategize a large scale program/intervention you could implement on your campus?
- How you could better identify students with this risk level on your campus?



# **Moderate Level = Community**

#### **Definition**

Community/Affinity based programs/services

#### Need = Self-identified students and families

Individual self selects into service or are referred

#### Intervention/Service

- Students: Network; Meet&Go's
- Families: Family and Friends Weekend during Homecoming

#### Reflection

- Strategize a community/affinity program/intervention you could implement on your campus
- How you could better identify students with this risk level on your campus?



# **High Level = Targeted**

#### **Definition**

Personalized approach to intervention

#### Need = High

- Identified and targeted based institutional data/predictive analysis, and/or referral
- Confluence of issues

#### Intervention/Service

- Student: PAL Peer Coaching
- Families: Family Coaching

#### Reflection

- Strategize an individualized program/intervention you could implement on your campus
- How you could better identify students with this risk level on your campus?



## **Lessons Learned**





# **Questions & Group Discussion**

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# Case Management Model: Practice

Risk Identification & Segmentation

Individualized
Support Strategies

Efficient Scalable Care

Ownership & Accountability

Which students are at risk?

How do we use our resources strategically & efficiently to support the individual needs of these students?

Who owns student success?

High Risk

**Students** 



Work closely with students and manage interactions with support offices/services.

**Increasing** Risl

Students



**Monitor and Intervene** 

Use analytics to uncover problems before they escalate.

Low Risk

**Students** 



#### **Enable Self-Direction**

Use electronic tools to nudge and advise, freeing staff to focus on higher risk students.

#### **Persistence Committee**

- Oversee efforts
- Organize resources & incentives
- Track & report metrics

#### Care Team/Staff

- Responsible for assigned student population success
- Accountable to student outcomes
- Use technology for proactive management

