

# **Provider Stigma: The Culture of Professionalism and Wounded Healing**

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## Land Acknowledgment

I live and work on the unceded territory of The Council of Three Fires: The Potawatomi, Ottawa and Chippewa peoples.

Giving land back to its' original stewards is paramount to ending homelessness globally.

## Learning Objective

Presenter will strive to provide greater understanding of the Wounded Healer archetype and Peer Health Navigation and how it can be used as a salve in social services/healthcare

## My Story

- Grew up on the East Coast
- Evicted from Brooklyn Summer of 2020  
after a layoff
- Experienced housing insecurity in Atlanta
- Moved to Chicago!

## My Now

- 15 month housing security streak (everybody clap)
- Work with formerly homeless HIV+ populations
- Furthering research towards more holistic care globally by telling my story

## Social Determinants of the One's Future

- Many layers of privilege required to get to a Helping Professional position
- Layers of privilege can manifest as disidentification

## What is Wounded Healing?

- Coined by Carl Jung but used for centuries
- Using one's transformative qualities to facilitate healing
- Drawing on woundedness in service of healing

# Peer Health Navigators

- Most mainstream example of professional Wounded Healing



Where is This Already Happening?

-Chicago

-UIC's OPENS Program for Disabled Peer Health Navigators

- Florida

- HIV Peer Health Navigators

What if we saw vulnerability as a skill? How could that aid healing?

What are the wounded parts of yourself that you could use to support others?

In what ways are you closed off from your practice?

How will this aid in ending homelessness?

- Homelessness and employment go hand-in-hand
- I am your evidence

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