How to "meet people where they are at".

Trust and humility are essential.

With more experience, comes more confidence.

Expect the unexpected.

Genuine people in the field of restorative justice and/or social work are needed.

MY TAKEAWAYS:

- Intern last semester.
- Facilitator role this semester (ask me what has changed!).
- American Friends Service Committee's (AFSC) Robert Andrew Stuart Fellow for one year after graduation (ask me what this is!).
- Pursuing a Masters in Social Service.

MY JOURNEY:

- How THE HEALING FUTURES PROGRAM WORKS:

  Philadelphia's first pre-charge, youth-focused restorative justice diversion program!!
  - A youth's case ages 12-17 get sent to Healing Futures.
  - Sessions once a week for 8 weeks.
  - Restorative Community Conference.
  - Restorative plan for 2-4 months.
  - Charges get dropped! Arrest never happened.