A Place for Grief and Joy - Supported Practice Lab

30 minutes | 3-12 people | Adults with trained group facilitation

Design a group check-in that allows mixed emotions and passing without prescribing positivity.

Open with choice - 3 minutes

Explain the purpose, privacy limits, and the option to observe, use fiction, adapt, or pass. Check access needs and group readiness; do not promise absolute confidentiality.

Meet the fictional case - 4 minutes

One member is celebrating while another is grieving. Ask what is known, what is assumed, and what the person in the case wants.

Practice: Skills rehearsal - 16 minutes

Design a group check-in that allows mixed emotions and passing without prescribing positivity. Offer speaker, support-listener, and observer roles using the fictional case. Model a brief permission-based exchange, rehearse one small part of the task, and invite a role switch only by choice. Observers notice clarity and consent rather than rating people.

Reflect and compare - 4 minutes

How can the group hold both experiences? Ask what fits, what does not, and what external conditions or supports affect the options. No personal disclosure is required.

Close and integrate - 3 minutes

Invite an optional observation, support request, or small next step. Passing is welcome. Agree how to revisit questions and seek appropriate help outside the exercise.

Practice output

A brief practiced statement, question, or support request, plus one revision.

Scope and care

Use fictional or ordinary examples, consent, accessibility adaptations, and passing. Original educational group facilitation; not a complete treatment protocol. Do not interpret drawings or require personal disclosure.

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