



University of
New Haven

Welcome to **SOAR**

STUDENT ORIENTATION
ADVISING & REGISTRATION



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Supporting Students in the Residence Halls

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Support

AGENDA

- Overview of Residence Life Staff
- Caretaker to Coach
- Supporting Student Success in the Residence Halls
- "The Welcome Experience" - First 6 Weeks
- Question & Answer



Community Has All Residents Growing, Engaging, & Discovering

The mission of the Office of Residential Life is to create a safe, supportive, inclusive, and engaged learning environment that enhances the student's holistic development. We provide opportunities for students to create community and implement a vision for their future.

Community Starts Here

Our vision is for the residential community to create spirited life-long Chargers.

#LivingCHARGEDORL

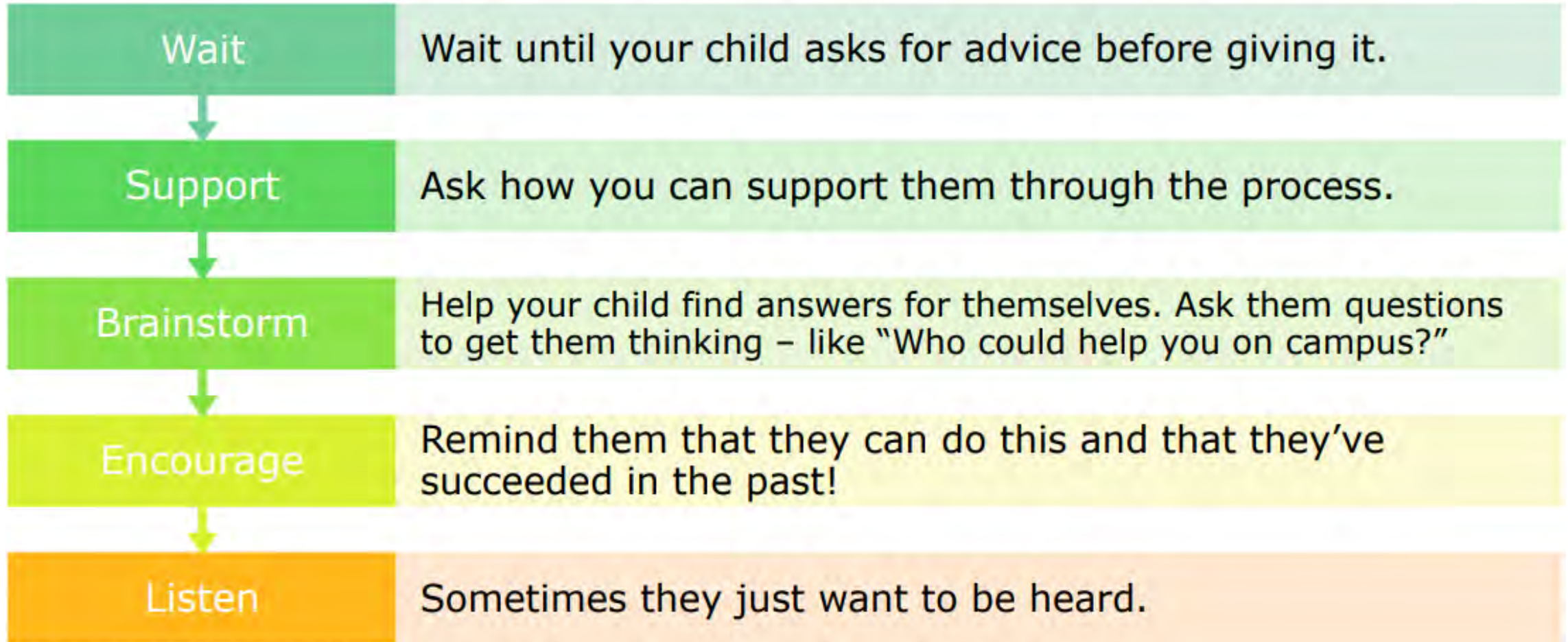


OVERVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE STAFF

- Resident Assistants (RA) **67**
- Academic Peer Mentors (APM) **5**
- Desk Assistants (DA) **20**
- Office Assistants (OA) **5**
- Residence Directors (RD) **6**
- Area Coordinators (AC) **7**
- Assistant Directors **2**
- Associate Directors **2**
- Administrative Coordinator **1**
- Director **1**



MOVING FROM CARETAKER TO COACH



ANTICIPATE BUMPS ALONG THE WAY



THE BALANCING ACT



ROOMMATE ISSUES



FINDING FRIENDS



GRADES/FACULTY



NEW EMPLOYMENT



GETTING "IN TROUBLE"



FOUR CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

Academics

- What are your expectations?
- Grades may not be the same as high school

Finances

- Budgeting
- Employment

Health & Safety

- Washing clothes, cleaning room, etc.
- Alcohol & Drugs – expectations, open conversations, safety net

Communication

- When and how – this will change
- Who they should be reaching out to for help



“
In order to
grow, they must
learn to fix their
own mistakes.
Have the door
open and the
coffee poured,
ready to listen.

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

- Resident Assistants
- Academic Peer Mentors
- Area Coordinators/Residence Directors
- Programming
- Conflict Resolution



"WELCOME EXPERIENCE"

- Floor Meetings
- Roommate Agreements
- Programming
- Hall Councils



“Connecting authentically and deeply with others across all dimensions of life enriches the human spirit. The sense of community resulting from such connections is hallmark of a supportive campus environment, which we know is an important factor in enhancing student learning”

– George D. Kuh



Questions?

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