Foundation for Social Connection

Building Consensus

Keep people at the heart of the measure	We recognize that behind every statistic and measurement tool is a person's life. We honor the varied lived experiences in the room as the ultimate authority on what social connection feels like.
Make every moment count	We value your time, perspective, and expertise. We commit to staying focused and productive so that our collective energy leads to real-world progress.
Communicate for everyone	We use clear, accessible language. Whether we are discussing clinical outcomes or personal stories, we avoid jargon to ensure everyone in the room can fully participate.
Be curious and be generous	Listen to understand more than to respond or defend. Share to explain more than to convince or correct.
Respect boundaries	To create a safe space for honest dialogue, we honor the "out of bounds" rules for specific topics, personal stories, or sensitive settings. What is shared here stays here when requested.
Stay bold and flexible	The science of social connection is evolving. We remain forward-thinking, ready to adapt our goals, and embrace healthy compromise to move the work forward.
Balance rigor with reality	We strive for "gold standard" measurements that are consistent and valid, and that also can be tailored to fit the diverse reality of people's lived experiences.
Think beyond the room	We are here to bridge gaps between lived experience, clinical practice, research, and policy. Recommendations should be practical and actionable for everyone involved.