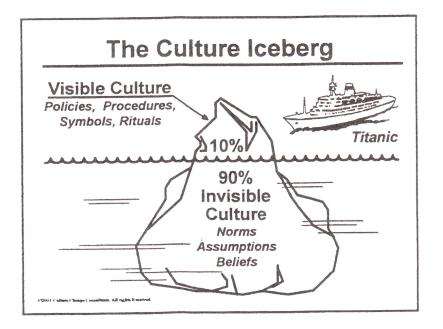
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## **Culture Iceberg Exercise**

Goal: To identify hidden cultural norms and assumptions of your treatment culture

- 1. Draw a large iceberg on a piece of paper.
- 2. On the visible portion of the iceberg, write down an aspect of your treatment community that is problematic. Be specific.
- Below the water line, on the invisible portion of the iceberg, identify the unwritten rules or norms that impact the problem. A good way to identify such norms is to begin with the words, "It's OK to..." and then complete the sentence.
- 4. Below the list of norms, write down some beliefs or assumptions that support the norms. Use phrases that begin with "Because..."