Motivating Yourself and Others

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You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink.



Our Objectives

- Debunk myths about motivation
- Assess your own motivators
- Learn strategies to motivate
- Discover concrete steps to take



What is Motivation?

- The act or process of motivating
- To provide with a motive
- A motive is something (as a need or desire) that causes a person to act



4 Myths about Motivation

- 1. Money is the main motivator
- 2. Fear is a darn good motivator
- 3. I know what motivates me, so I know what motivates my employees
- 4. I can't comprehend employee motivation -- it's a science



Discussion & Exercise

Debunk Motivation Myths





Common Motivators

- Career development, success
- Health, balance, energy
- Influence, leadership
- Learning, knowledge, discovery
- Materials, possessions
- Recognition, praise
- Security, money, home
- Social, affiliation, popularity, acceptance
- Status, prestige, stand out, reputation
- Task accomplishment, problem-solving





Assess Your Personal Motivators





5 Principles of Motivation for Managers

- 1. Motivating your employee starts with motivating yourself
- 2. Work to align goals of the employee with goals of the organization
- 3. Understand what motivates each individual
- 4. Recognize that supporting employee motivation is a process, not a task
- 5. Support employee motivation by using organizational systems



Basic Motivation Strategies

- Manage/coach one-to-one
- Adapt your leadership style
- Provide positive reinforcement
- Treating people fairly
- Satisfy employees' needs
- Set work-related goals
- Base rewards on job performance



What This Looks Like in Daily Practice

- Approval, praise and recognition
- Trust, respect and high expectations
- Loyalty
- Addressing organizational barriers
- Good communications
- Role and project clarity
- Financial incentives, if possible



Provide the Foundation

RESPECT and **TRUST**



How Managers Can Demonstrate Respect

- Start at the top
- Listen to and act on employee input
- Acknowledge the whole person
- Treat employees as business partners
- Invest in employees as assets
- Show real appreciation

Source: http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/feature/advice/itwp1.shl



How Managers Can Build Trust

- Integrity
- Reliability
- Fairness
- Caring
- Openness
- Competence
- Loyalty





How would you describe the level of trust you have with your colleagues?

What can you do to enhance that trust?





Steps Managers Can Take

- 1. Write down motivational factors that sustain you and how to sustain them
- 2. Make a list of three to five things that motivate your employees
- 3. Work with each employee to ensure their motivational factors are taken into consideration in your reward systems
- 4. Have one-on-one meetings with each employee
- 5. Reward it when you **see** it



Steps Managers Can Take

- 6. Implement at least the basic principles of performance management
- 7. Establish goals that are SMARTER
- 8. Clearly convey how employee results contribute to organizational results
- 9. Celebrate achievements
- 10. Let employees hear from their "customers"



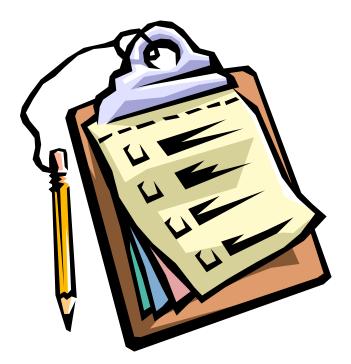
So What Do Managers Need to Know to Motivate?

- Our own motivators and goals
- Employees' motivators and goals
- Organizational goals
- How to build trust and demonstrate respect
- How to give feedback
- How to listen
- How to manage and lead staff





List Steps You Will Take/Key Take-Aways





Motivation A-Ha's

- The Golden Rule is to treat others as they treat you. The Platinum Rule is to treat others as they want to be treated.
- You get what you ask for. You get what you reward.
- The key to motivation is knowing WIIFM.



Wrap-Up

- Remember:
 - ✓ Carrot not the stick approach
 - Persuasion not coercion
- Meet with your employees!
- Make a commitment
- Complete evaluation

