

Building a Coaching Culture

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What people want and expect from their leaders is evolving with the changing world.





Source: Human Capital Institute

Today's employee wants a leader to talk to who cares about them and their future. If they are not listened to, there is...

High turnover

Fear of change

Lack of innovation



Burnout in high-achievers

New Leadership Behaviors -

Being with, not speaking to.



Coaching or Mentoring?



Developing People



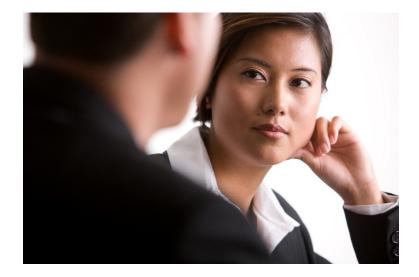
Sometimes they need you to share what you know...

Coaching or Mentoring?



...but sometimes they don't want or need your brilliant

advice.



Coaching helps overcome resistance, reveal blindspots, empower capabilities, and commit to new actions.

What do they know?





Especially when a smart person with some experience is stuck...

Need for coaching



... they need a
transformational
(shift in thinking),
not a transactional
(weighing known options),
conversation with you.



Mentor



Presents information Provides answers Shares Experiences

Pacifies the Brain

Coach



Guides reflection Asks questions Provokes examination

Activates the Brain

COACHING = RESULTS

But how does it work?



How Humans Learn

Neuroscience of Coaching

Cognitive learning (teaching/telling) requires repetition or strong emotions to carry information into long term memory, especially in a busy world.

The brain needs to sense the information is vital, with the message,

"Look at me! Remember this!"



But information often doesn't change behavior.

How Humans Learn

Neuroscience of Coaching

Mammalian/
Social Brain
Long-Term
Memory

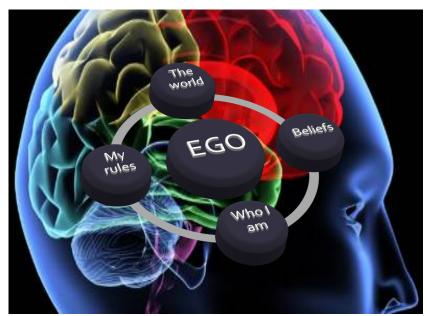
EGO



Reptilian/Primitive Brain
Fear-based Learning
Motor Skills

How Humans Learn

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Insight-Based
Learning
Learning
MAha" moments

What Triggers Behavioral Learning?



A surprising fact, a disruptive reflection, or a powerful question...

These break through the walls and make us question ourselves.



Transformation:

...you see a new truth or gain a new insight about your self and the world around you... prompting a change in behavior.



Leadership Development Hats

Mentor/ Coach/ σ Manage / ransformationa Inquire Tell Share - Experiences - Clarify - Vision thoughts - Lessons - Goals Learned - Reflect and Ask - Feedback - Suggestions - Give information See the person as needing to be told or fixed.

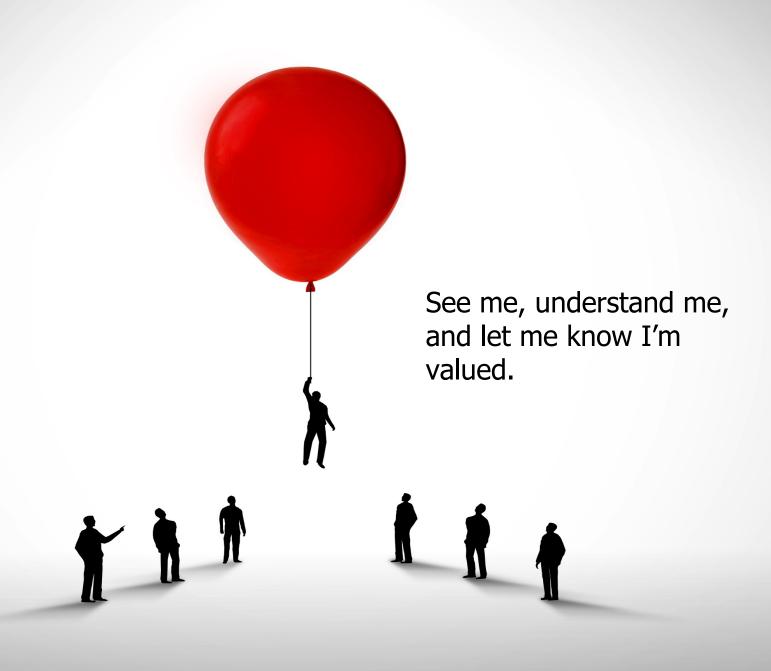
What Is Coaching?

The International Coach Federation (ICF) defines...

"Coaching is *partnering* with clients in a thought-provoking and creative process that inspires them to maximize their personal and professional potential...

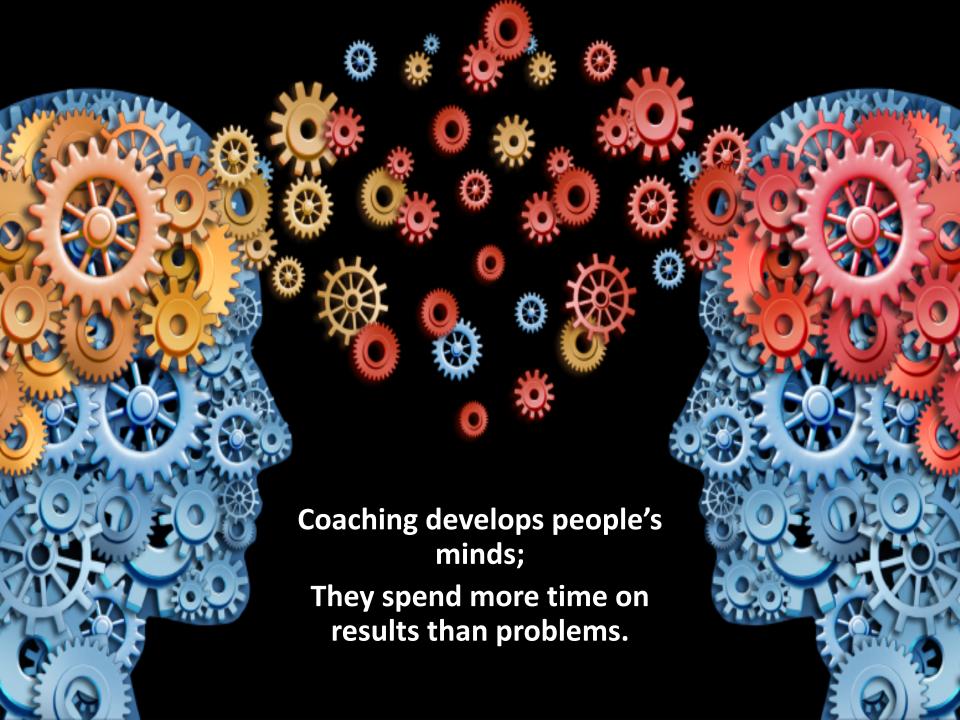
Coaches honor others as creative, resourceful, and whole."





What must you believe about someone?

- Does the person have some knowledge and experience to build on?
- What is the person capable of discovering and achieving?
- Can you hold the person in high regard during your conversation, that they are creative, resourceful, and whole?



Analyze Your Leadership Conversations

1. Who does most of the talking?

- 2. Who finds the answers?
- 3. How much time do you spend looking toward the future vs. fixing what has happened?



ICF Studies Show Impressive Return on Investment

Improved team functioning by 57%

Employee engagement by 56%

Employee productivity 51%

Faster leadership development 36%

Employees' well-being 31%

Employee retention by 22%.

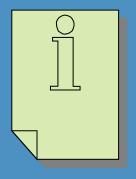
Customer satisfaction 22%

Gross sales volume 9%



How Other Companies Have Measured Coaching Return on Investment

New products/services
Faster onboarding of new hires
Reduced health-related costs
Increased efficiency



Coaching ROI Studies ICF Sponsored Search by Topic

https://coachfederation.org/research/

HOW TO SHIFT YOUR ORGANIZATION TO A COACHING CULTURE



The transition isn't easy. One training class will not shift minds and behaviors.



The solution requires a change in the company's culture – how people think and behave when they are together.

What does a strong coaching culture look like?

Employees value coaching

Senior executives value coaching

Managers, leaders, or internal coaches receive accredited coach-specific training

There is a dedicated line item in all budgets for coaching (internal or external)

Coaching is available to all employees

All three coaching modalities are utilized



Strong coaching cultures use all 3 modalities

External coach practitioners for senior leaders/high potentials.

Managers/leaders using coaching skills and all employees can define and receive.

Internal welltrained/certified coach practitioners.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

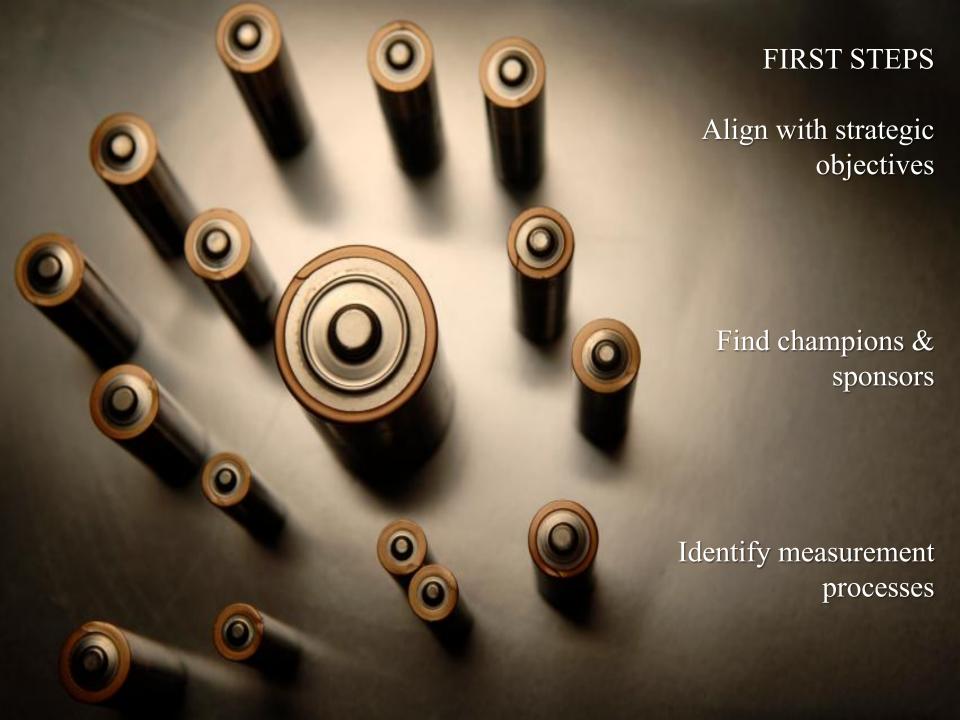
- What do you expect to accomplish by making the shift to a coaching culture (measurable results)?
- Is the organization ready to devote the time, energy, and money to making real changes?
- What will it take to create buy in before specific actions are taken?

QUESTIONS TO ASK

- What outcomes will be motivating for leaders to coach?
- What outcomes will be motivating for individuals to want coaching?
- How will we incorporate leadership and coaching goals into performance systems?

QUESTIONS TO ASK

- Who will be the change agents for coaching?
- How do we provide the necessary coaching skills across the organization?
- When should coaching occur?
- How can we make it common practice to coach?
- What are the milestones we want to set?





How to build a coaching culture

All Leaders - Develop their coaching skills

Coaching Approach to Conversations/Mindset

- Presence to create trust
- 2. Shifting to desired outcomes
- 3. Listening "for"
- 4. Using reflection and questions
- 5. Ensuring actions



How to build a coaching culture

All Leaders - Develop their supportive skills

- Emotional Intelligence
- Delegation
- Trust and Risk-Taking
- Team Leadership and Collaboration



How to build a coaching culture

Select and Promote the Right People for leadership

- Leadership/Work values that match
- Is respected by peers and direct reports
- Loves to develop others as well as achieve results

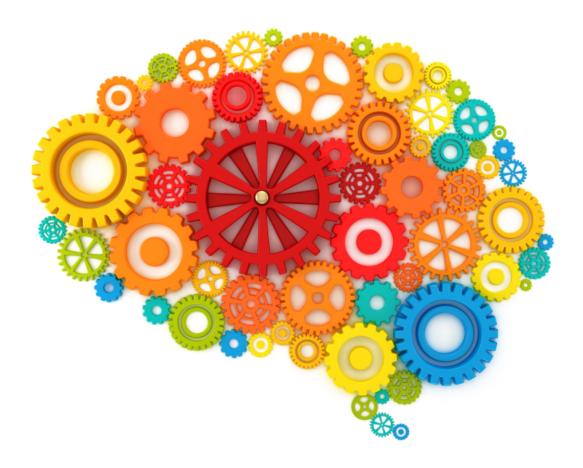


Barriers to building a coaching culture

- Feeling you have to tell people what to do
- Constant distractions
- Culture of fear
- Thinking you coach already



Barriers to building a coaching culture



Can you give up being the expert in order to be the coach?

Summary

Building an Effective Coaching Culture

Know what coaching is and isn't

Know how humans develop and grow

Know what values and attitudes are needed, and what could get in the way

Align with strategic objectives and determine measures

Train, coach, and share success stories



Fire up the brains of all employees

COACHING CULTURES

Coaching is not just a skill.

It is a way of connecting and engaging minds through powerful conversations that can happen anywhere.

LEADING TO

Enhanced:

Continuous Learning

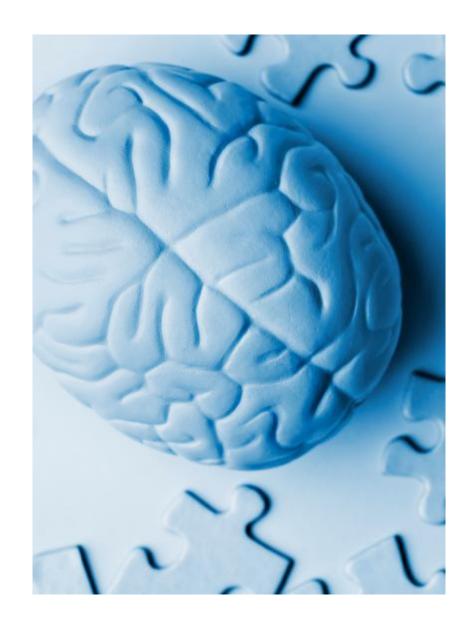
Independent Thinking

Creativity and Confidence

Calculated Risk-Taking

Alignment of Heart and Mind

BIG TIME RESULTS!!!





Coaching is not a skill, It's a way of being with and leading people.

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