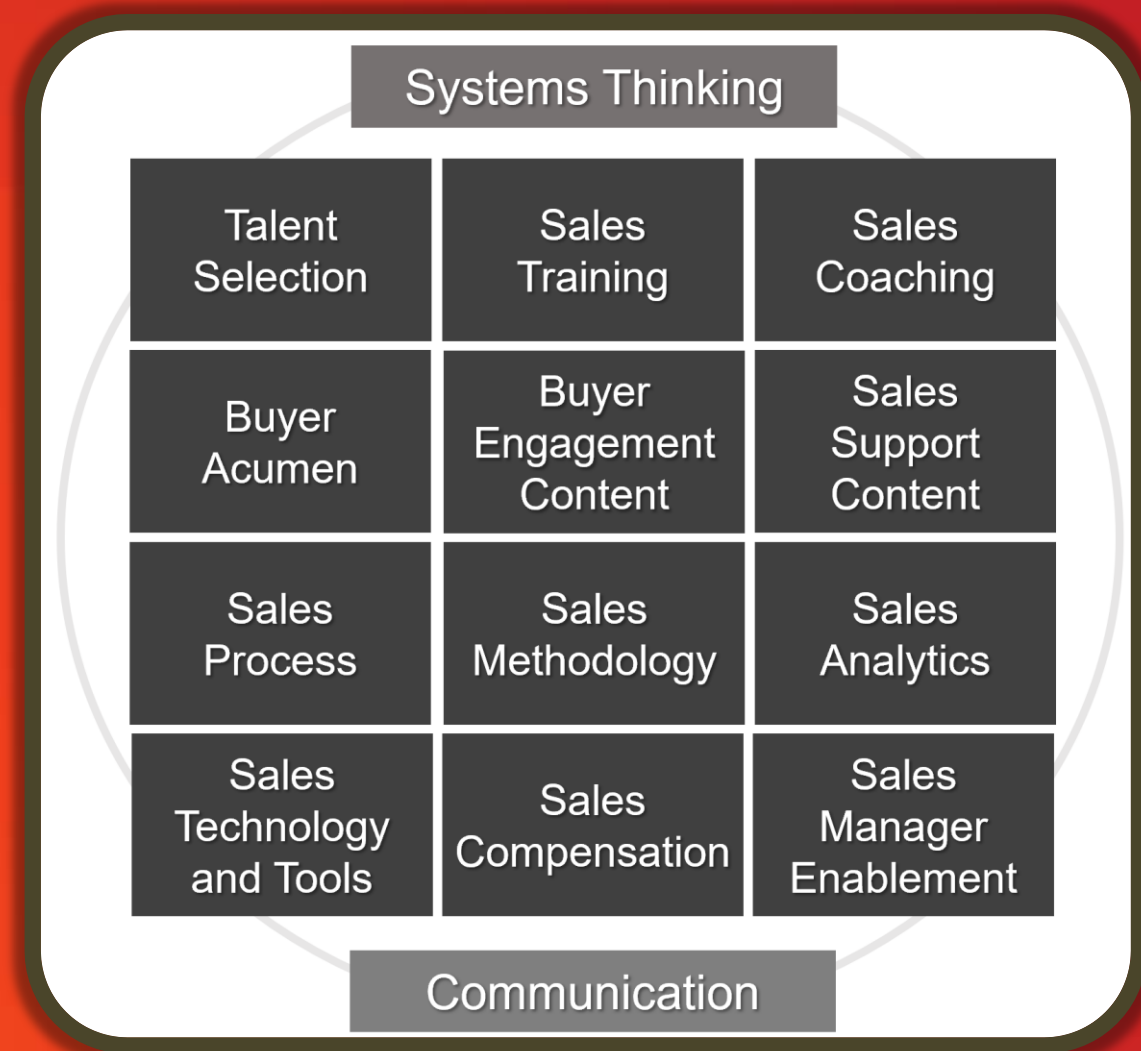


Formalize Your Sales Enablement Practice with Building Blocks & Systems Thinking

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Current State of Sales Enablement

- Multiple Perspectives -

Sales Enablement (Un)Defined – Analysts

- **[CSO Insights](#)**: A strategic, collaborative discipline designed to increase predictable sales results by providing consistent, scalable enablement services that allow customer-facing professionals and their managers to add value in every customer interaction.
- **[IDC](#)**: Getting the right information into the hands of the right sellers at the right time and place, and in the right format, to move a sales opportunity forward.
- **[Forrester](#)**: Sales enablement is a strategic, ongoing process that equips all client-facing employees with the ability to consistently and systematically have a valuable conversation with the right set of customer stakeholders at each stage of the customer's problem-solving life cycle to optimize the return of investment of the selling system.
- **[SiriusDecisions](#)**: Sales has the skills, knowledge, process expertise and access to assets to maximize every buyer interaction. This outcome is executed in three primary areas sales talent management (attract, onboard, optimize) sales asset management (aggregate, create, manage) and sales communications management (govern, deliver, advocate).
- **[Gartner](#)**: The activities, systems, processes and information that support and promote knowledge-based sales interactions with client and prospects.
- **[Aberdeen](#)**: A strategic alignment of resources and actions to produce effective, efficient sales operations.
- **[TOPO](#)**: Sales enablement is the process of providing the sales organization with the information, content, and tools that help sales people sell more effectively. The foundation of sales enablement is to provide sales people with what they need to successfully engage the buyer throughout the buying process.

Bricks in the Wall

Cross-Functional Collaboration



Sales Enablement (Un)Defined – ATD

Sales Enablement Community of ATD

The Association for Talent Development defines Sales Enablement as:

The mechanism responsible for **collaborating across functions** to **promote sales success** through:

- **talent selection**
- **talent development**
- **tool & process improvement**
- **coaching**
- **incentive & compensation design**

Note: In addition to collaboration, which is key in sales enablement, there are three other foundational competency clusters from [ATD's World-Class Sales Competency Model](#) that make up the base for all roles within the sales ecosystem (including sales enablement): **solution**, **insight**, and **effectiveness**.

<https://www.td.org/Communities-of-Practice/Sales-Enablement>

Sales Enablement (Un)Defined – SiriusDecisions Study

- **Marketing**
 - Sales messaging and buyer engagement content
- **Sales Asset Management**
 - Finding the right content at the right time for the right buyer
- **Training & Talent Acquisition Support**
 - Competencies; sales onboarding, ongoing development, internal sales support content
- **Sales Process & Sales Methodology**
 - Competencies; implementation and support
- **Technology & Tools**
 - Supporting Sales in being more efficient or effective
- **Sales Communication Management**
- **Support Services (inconsistent but growing)**
- **Sales Manager Enablement (inconsistent but growing).**

[SiriusDecisions 2017 Sales Enablement Study](#)

Sidebar: Types of Content



**MARKETING
CONTENT**



SALES CONTENT



**BUYER
ENGAGEMENT
CONTENT**



**TRAINING
CONTENT**



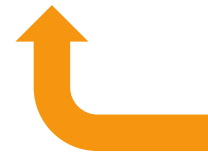
**PERFORMANCE
SUPPORT
CONTENT**

We need to stop saying just “content.”

Sales Enablement Maturity Models

Sales Enablement Maturity Models

- None: “Leave them alone and let them sell.”
- Informal: Random Acts of Sales Enablement
- Formal: Building Blocks of Sales Enablement and Systems Thinking Applied to Sales Enablement
- Adaptive: Evolving to Performance Consulting

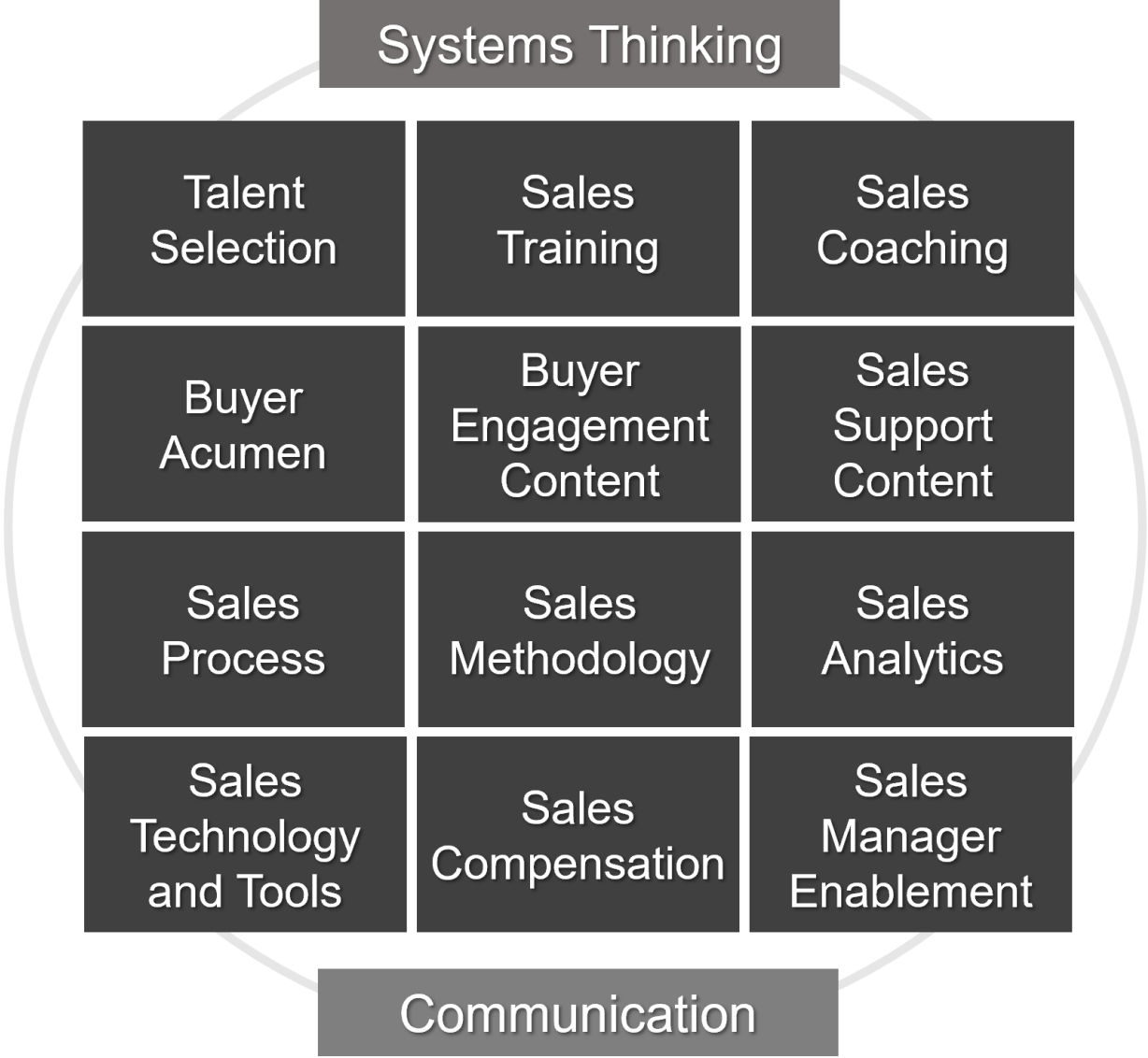


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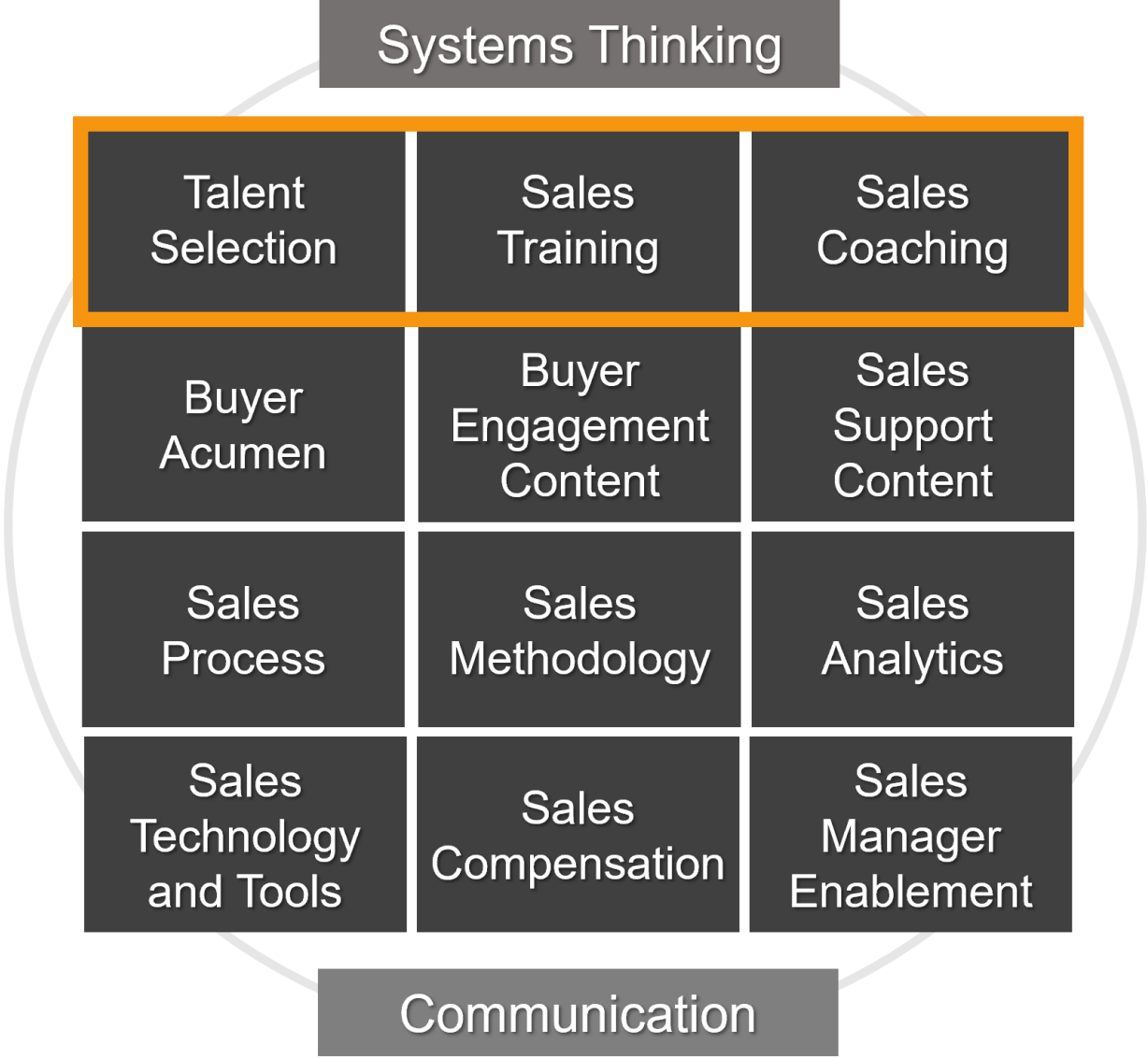
The Building Blocks of Sales Enablement

- A Formal Approach -

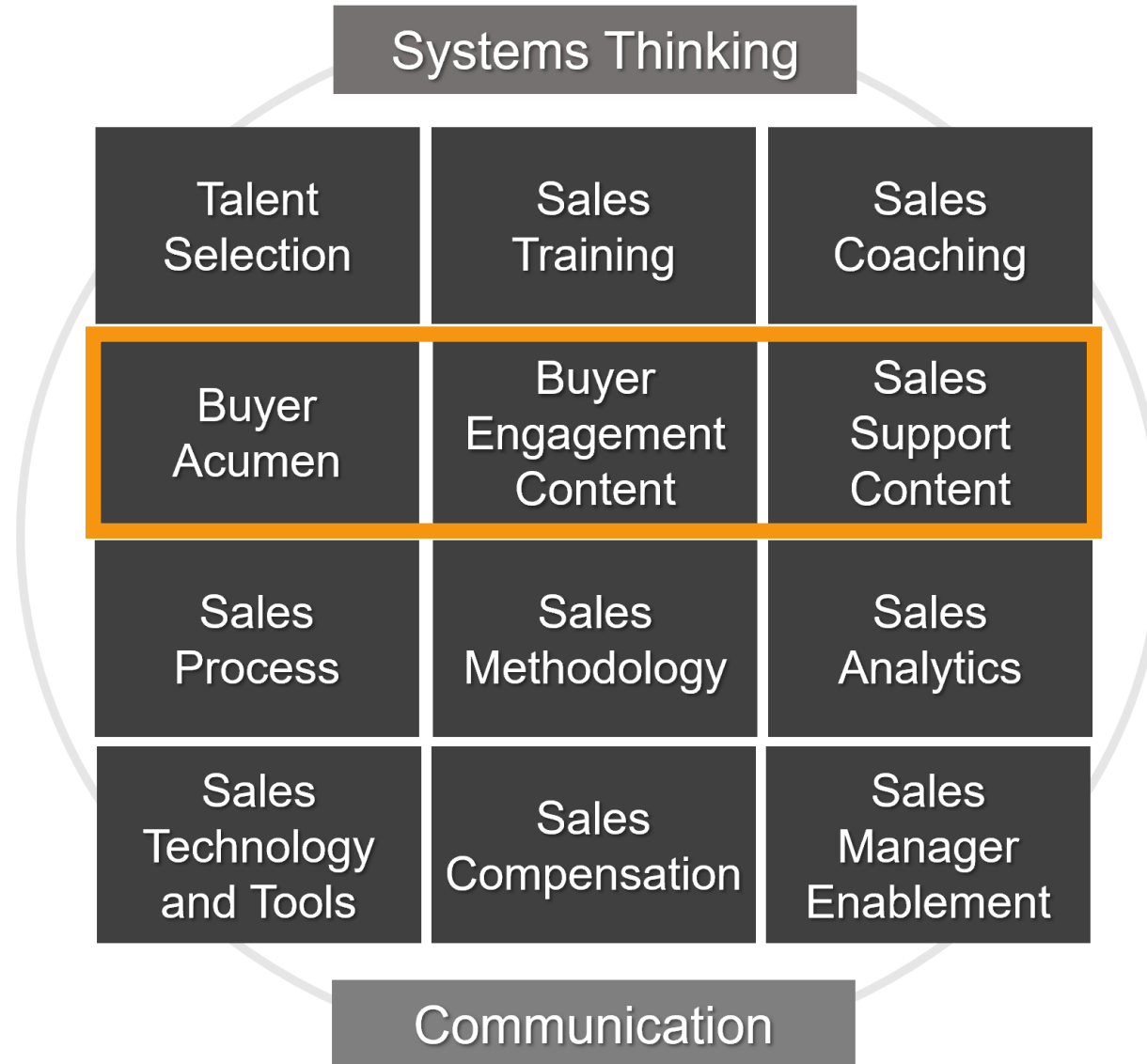
Sales Enablement Building Blocks



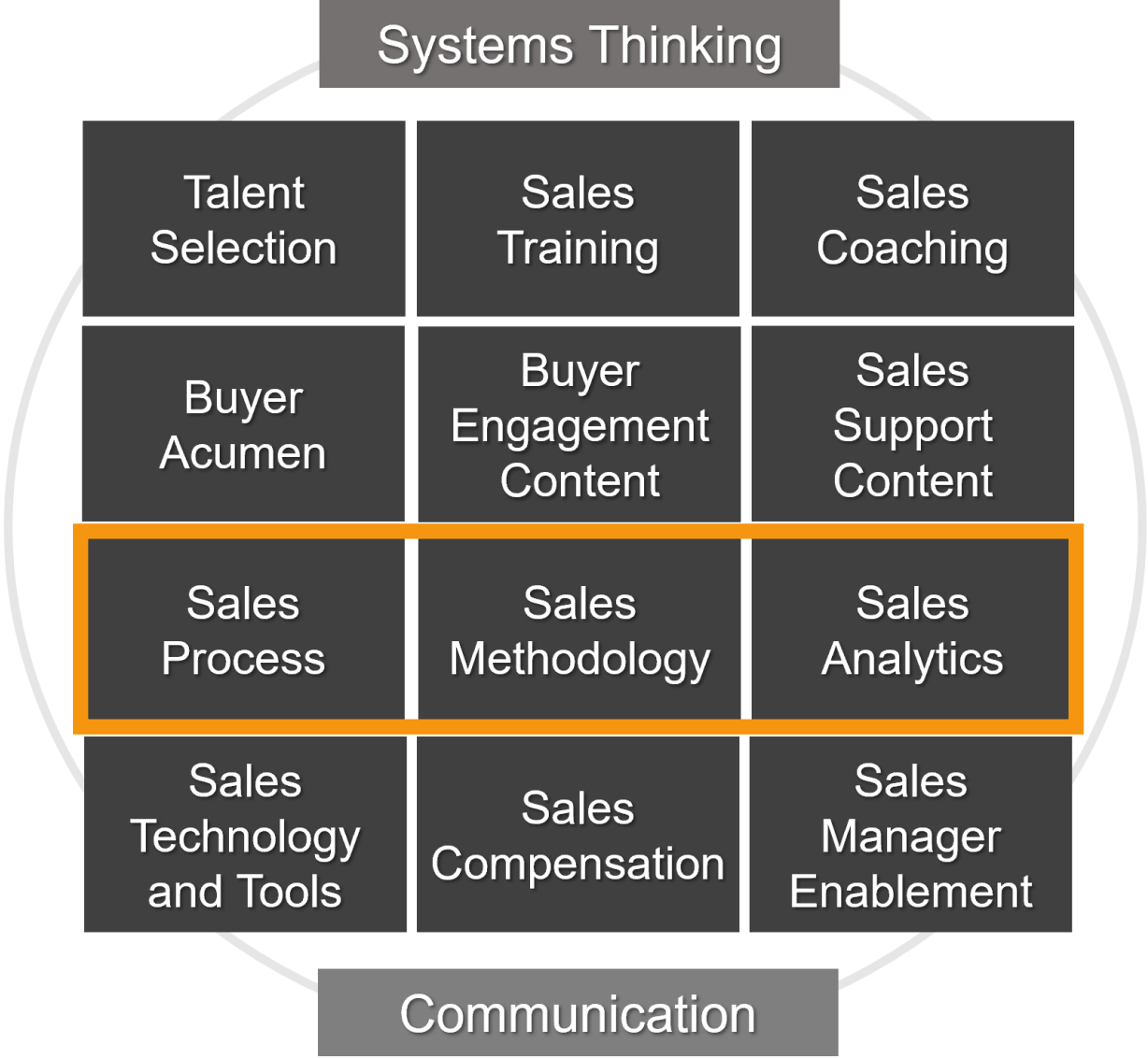
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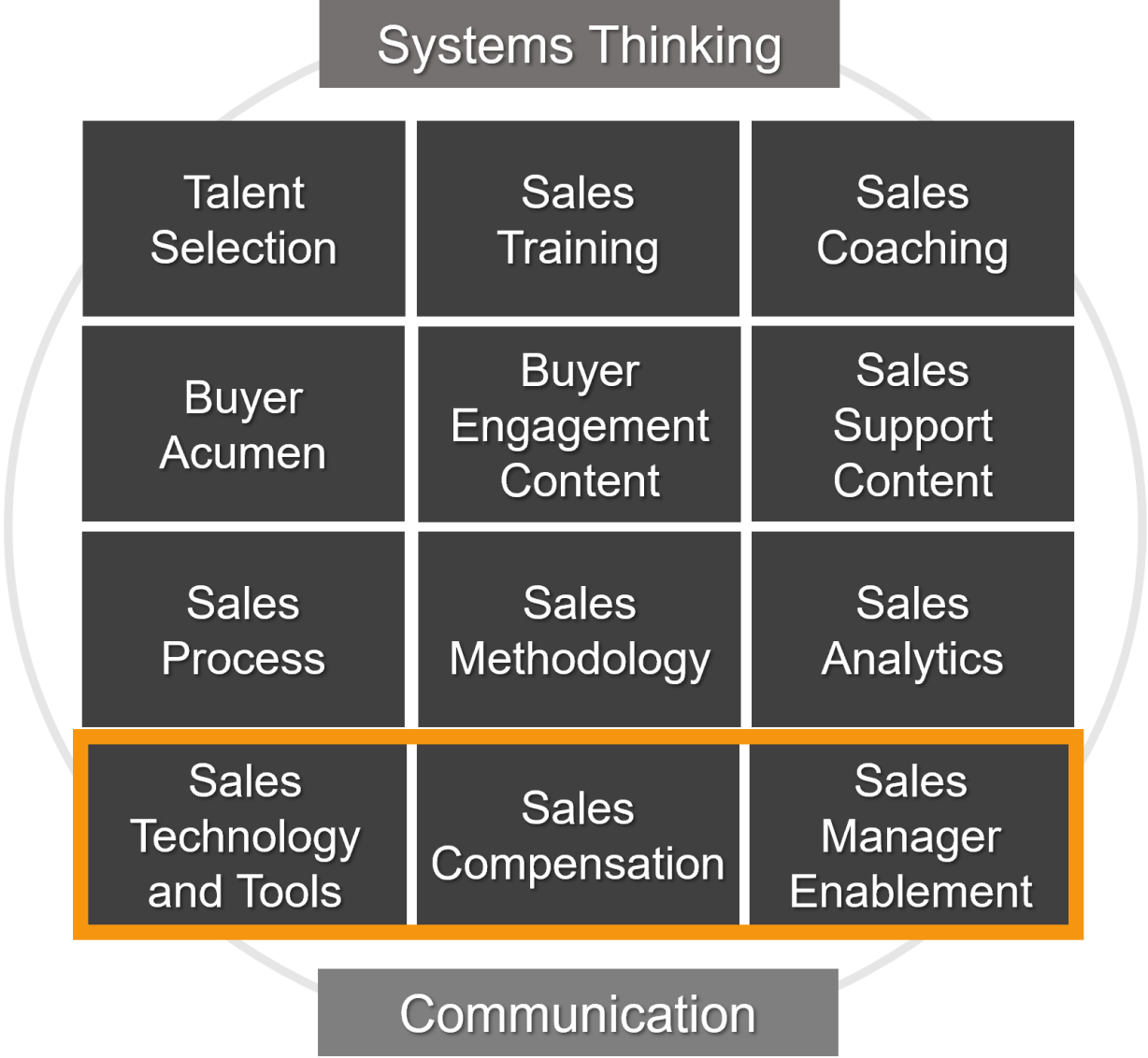
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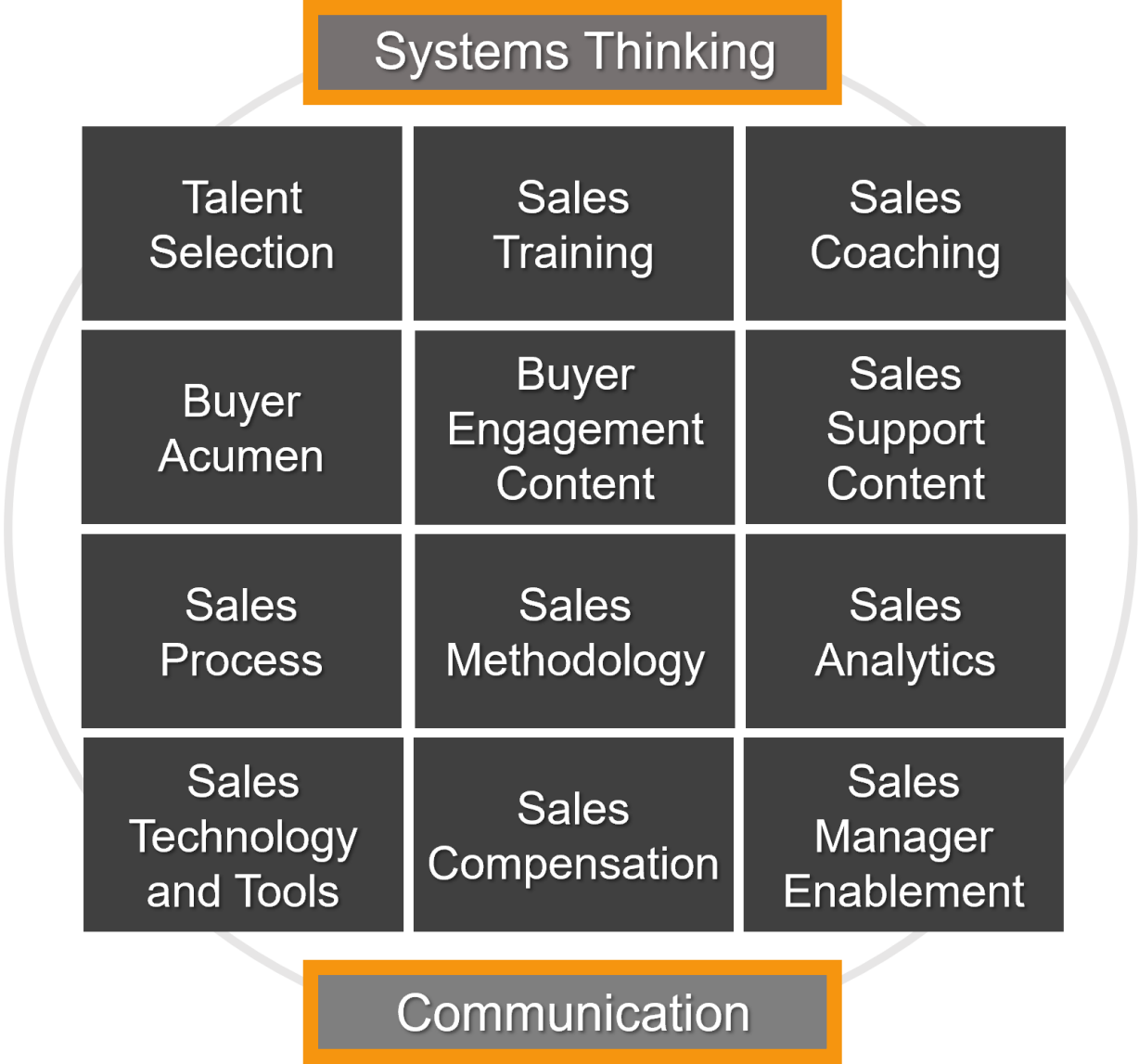
Sales Enablement Building Blocks



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Sales Enablement Building Blocks (Detail)

Talent Selection	Implement a proven-effective process to hire or promote people who have the best chance of succeeding in the chosen role.
Sales Training	Build sales onboarding/training that supports the above. Develop ongoing training based on sales competency gaps and new offerings. Train managers (first) then reps. Establish a system: Train, Sustain Knowledge, Develop Skills, Transfer Skills, and Coach to Mastery.
Sales Coaching	Select a sales coaching model and implement a competency development framework. Remove obstacles, enable managers, and engage reps and managers in an ongoing process to identify and close sales competency gaps to increase organizational sales mastery and performance.
Buyer Acumen	Identify your buyer personas: what problems are they trying to solve, what outcomes are they trying to achieve, what are the metrics that matter to each? Document your buyer's journey , including buying process exit criteria or (decision process and decision criteria).
Buyer Engagement Content	Align your marketing content (and lead-gen campaigns), sales content/collateral, and sales messaging to identify the problems, and address the buying process exit criteria.
Sales Support Content	Develop sales support , job aids, checklists, training reminders, calculators and other tools, to support process/methodology.
Sales Process	Align your sales process to the buyer's journey. Document tasks and exit criteria for buyers and sellers.
Sales Methodology	Select appropriate sales methodologies for prospecting, opportunity management, and strategic account management/development. Develop sales competencies by role from a top-producer analysis whenever possible, or proven best practices. Customize.
Sales Analytics	Benchmark your sales metrics: including conversion ratios, deal size, cross-sell, ramp-up times for onboarding, pipeline velocity, content sharing, KPIs – whatever is important for your business. Track results pre-/post-training. Also track your sales onboarding and learning metrics. Analyze everything. Using whatever tools you have available, analyze customers, territories, purchase patterns and more to understand your business and improve performance.
Sales Technology and Tools	Select and implement sales technology to support your sales force, create efficiency, and increase time spent selling and support effectiveness.
Sales Compensation	Design a sales compensation and incentive plan that encourages the behaviors you expect and the results you want.
Sales Manager Enablement	Train managers to use your sales coaching model . Train managers on performance analysis and coaching. Foster a coaching culture and sales competency development. Determine your sales management operating system / management disciplines you want to instill. Train managers on that and hold them accountable for executing your cadence.
Systems Thinking	Apply systems thinking to create an environment that supports high performance. Implement a Sales Readiness System , supported by an Sales Training System , to perpetuate the above and pull everything together.
Communication	Manage communication to the sales team: becoming the single point of contact and communication.

Note: Not all of these areas are always owned by Sales Enablement (especially Talent Selection and Sales Compensation). It varies greatly by organization size and complexity. See the Bricks in the Wall on slide 3. If not owned by Sales Enablement, there should be influence, input, involvement and cross-functional collaboration, since all of these impact sales readiness, enablement, and performance.

Consider Sales Support Services (SLA)

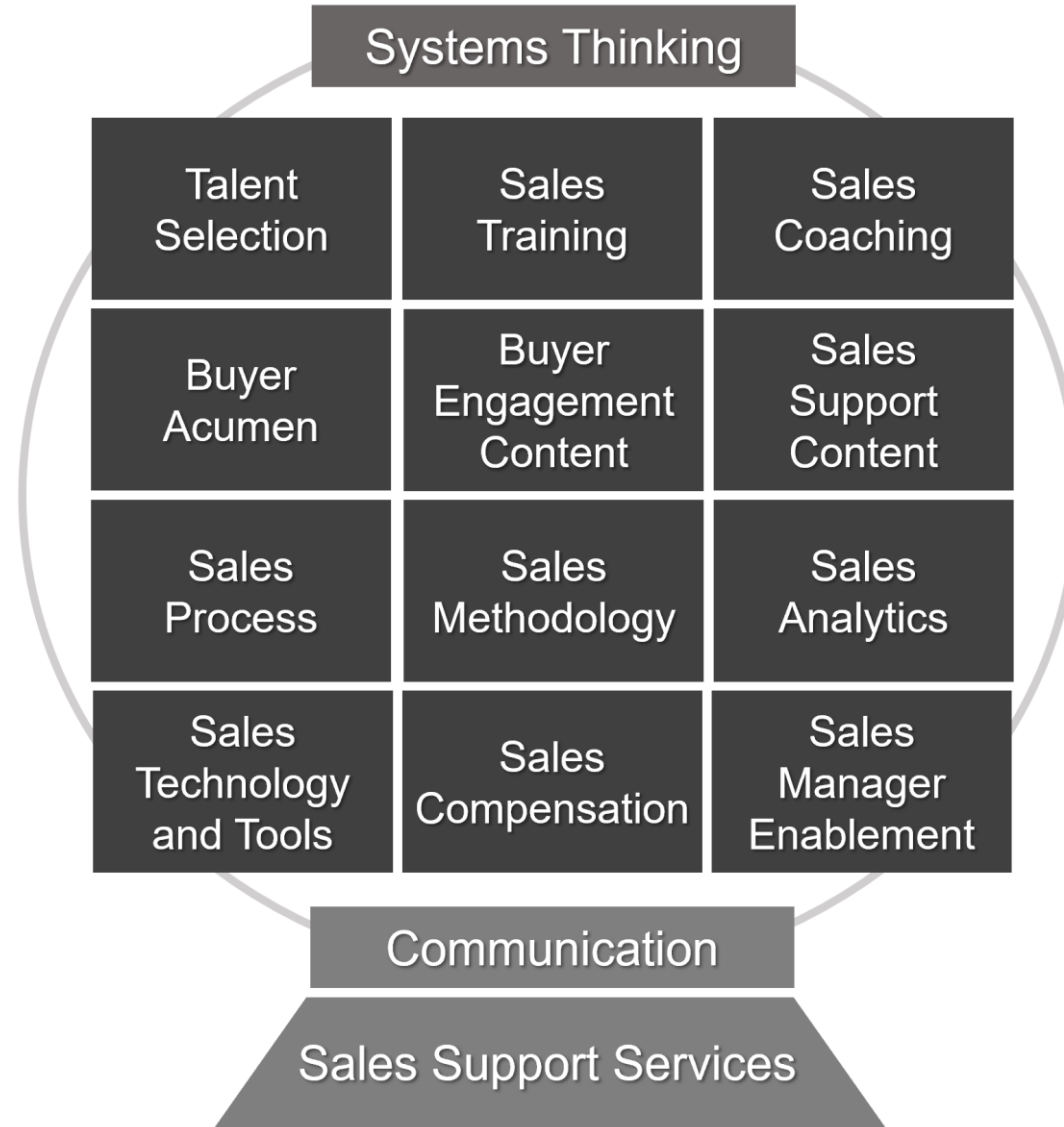
What Sales Support Services do you want to provide?

- Buyer- and customer-facing presentations (creation / customization)
- Account or contact research (prospecting preparation)
- Preparation services for meetings
- RFP support
- Deal Desk
- Coaching services.



Sales Support
Services

Sales Enablement Building Blocks with Sales Support Services



Systems Thinking

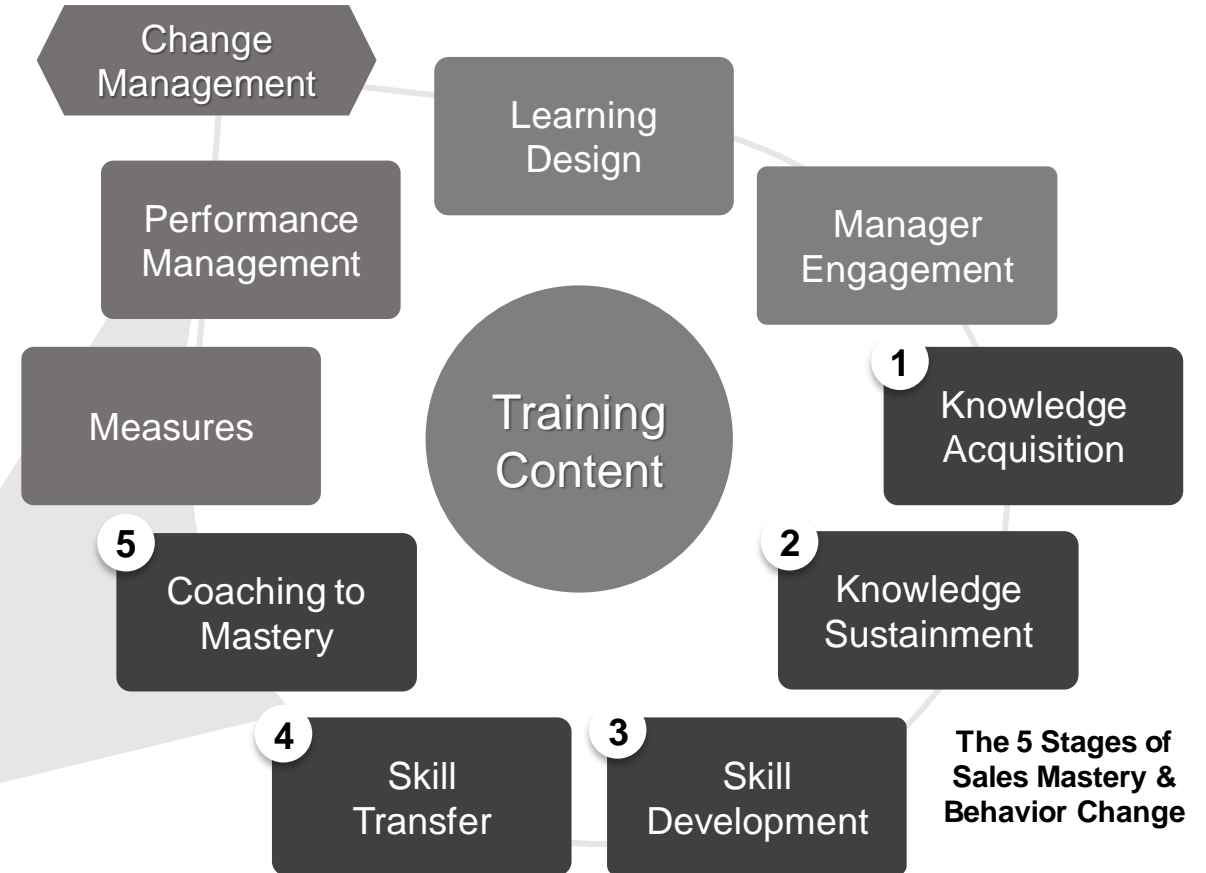
- Applied to Sales Enablement -

Sales Enablement in Two Systems

Sales Readiness System



Sales Training System



Sales Readiness System



- Ensure deep market and buyer persona knowledge
- Document buying process with decision/exit criteria
- Create buyer engagement content that aligns with decision/exit criteria
- Ensure reps have the domain/business acumen, with solution acumen, to communicate value in your buyers' language
- Align sales process to buying process and use a buyer-oriented, consultative, solution-focused, outcome-driven sales methodology
- Use sales enablement tools to manage, share, and track content and improve sales efficiency and effectiveness
- Use analytics to track training, content, sales behavior, and outcomes.
- Train reps to engage buyers in valuable business conversations and to create real value and differentiation, through their buyer acumen, domain/business acumen, and solution acumen

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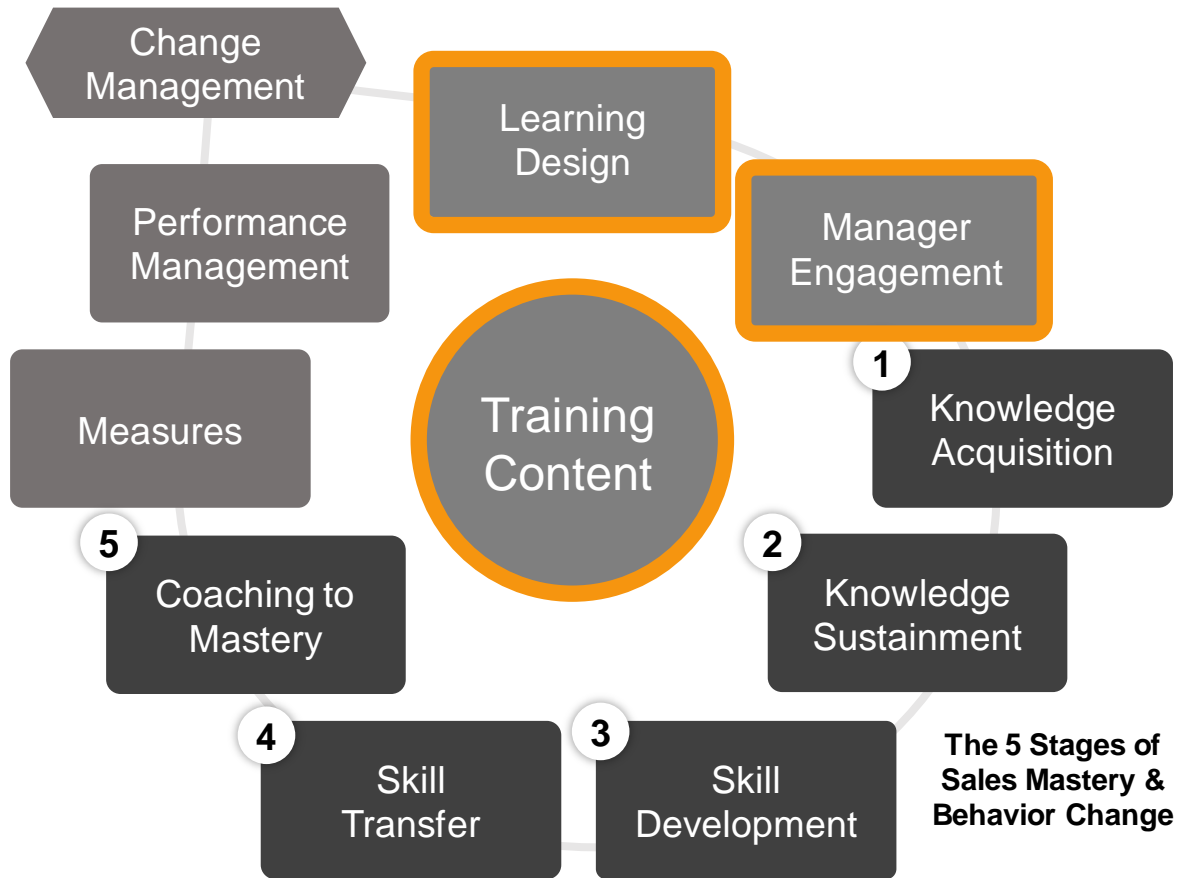


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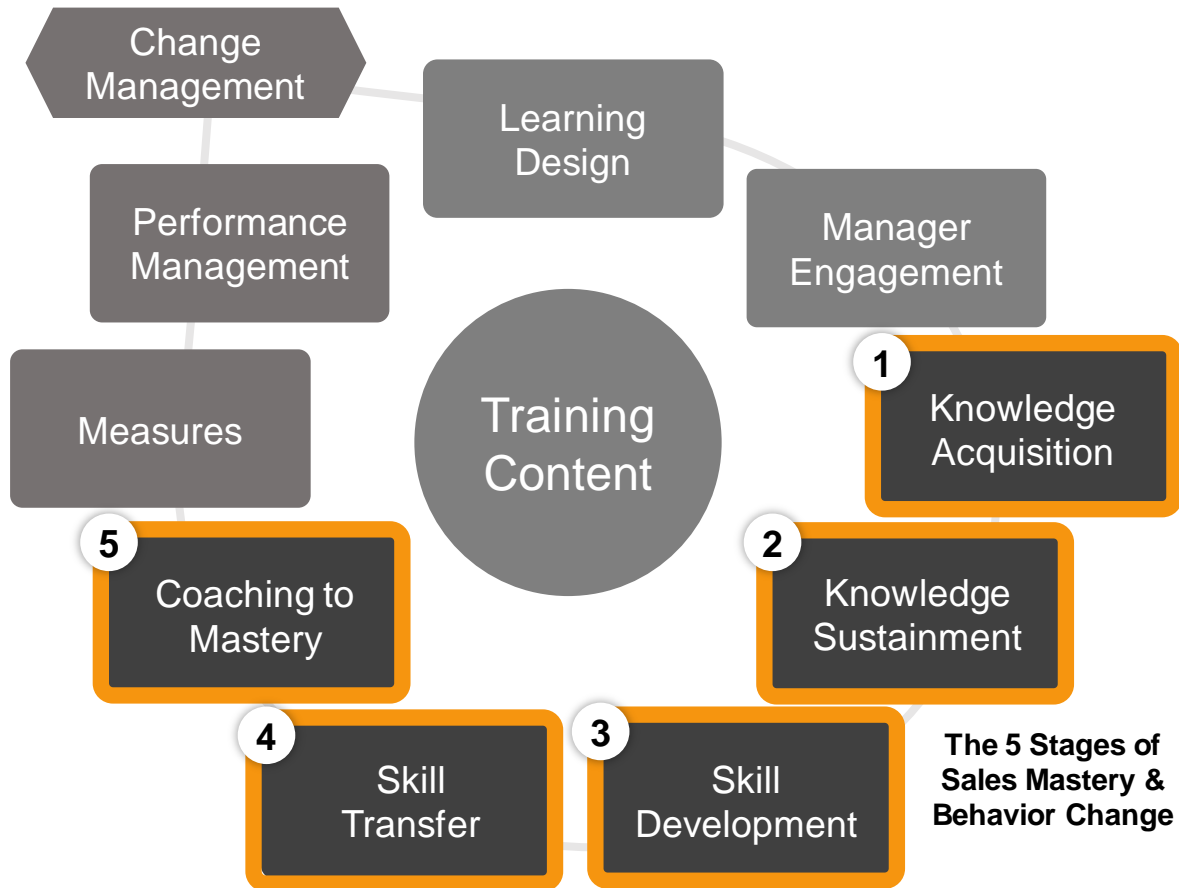
Sales Training System: Prepare for Change



Prepare for Change

- Ensure that your training content will get results
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Sales Training System: Guide the Change



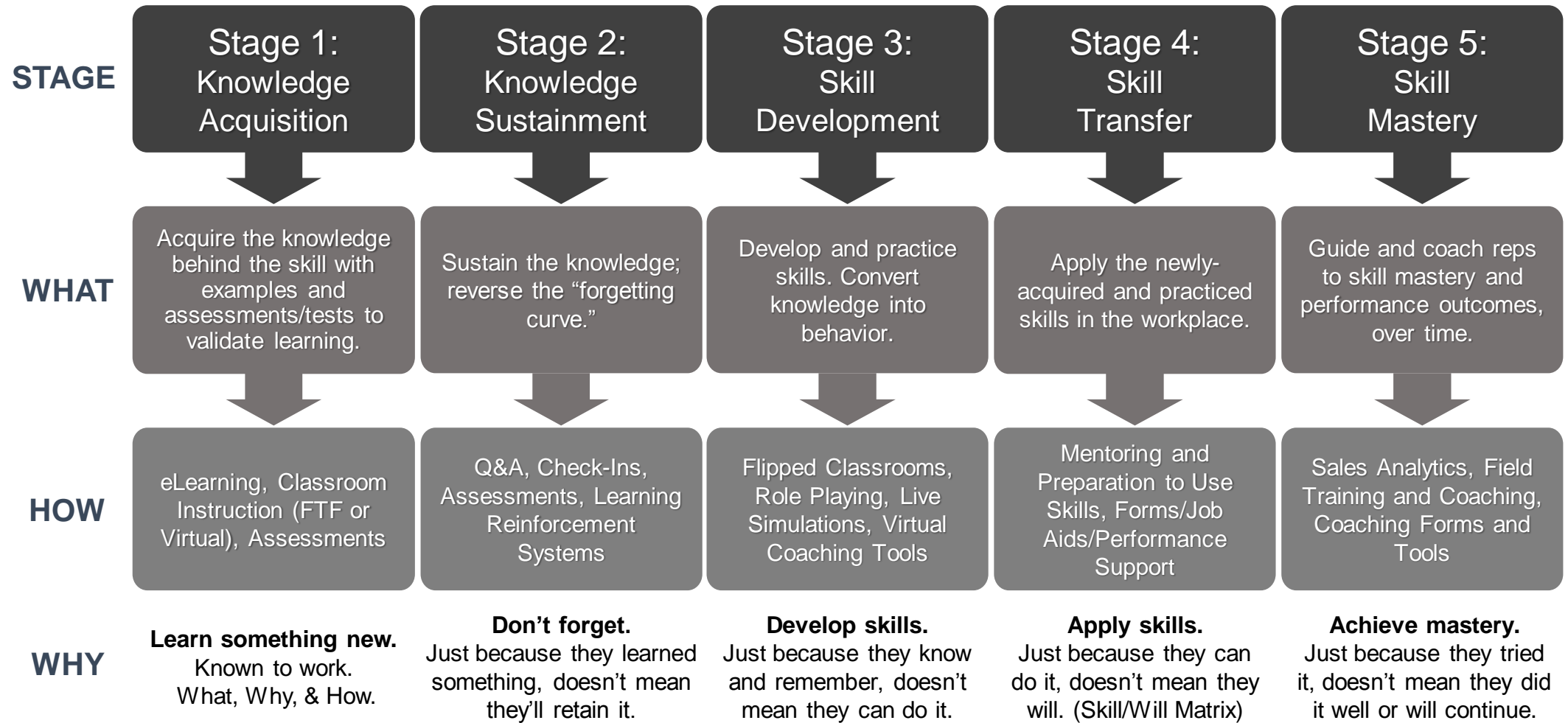
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Guide the Change (The 5 Stages)

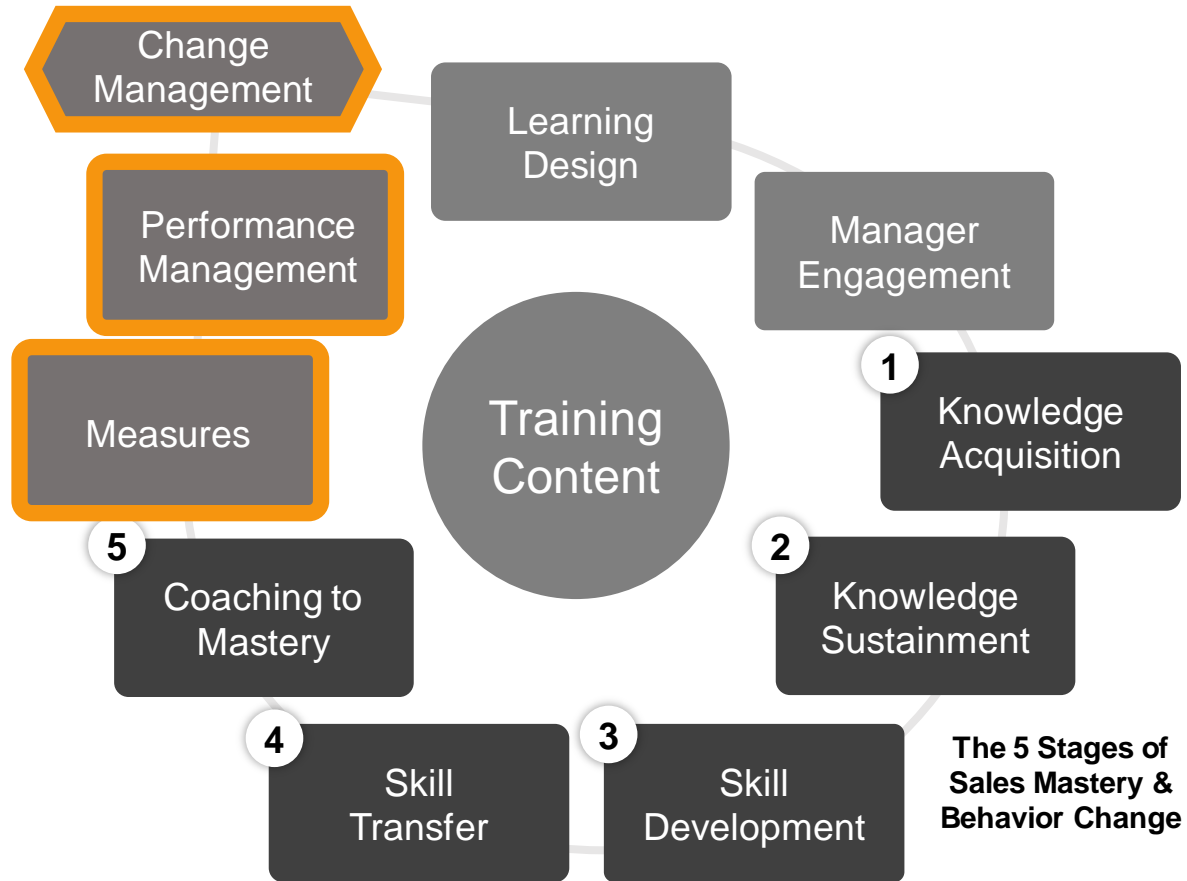
- Teach the content, validate learning occurred
- Sustain the knowledge
- Develop skills (practice with expert feedback loops)
- Transfer and apply skills on the job
- Coach to mastery over time

The 5 Stages of Sales Mastery & Behavior Change (Detail)



Recorded webinar on the 5 Stages: <http://bit.ly/STSTonSMM-11142017>

Sales Training System: Cement the Change



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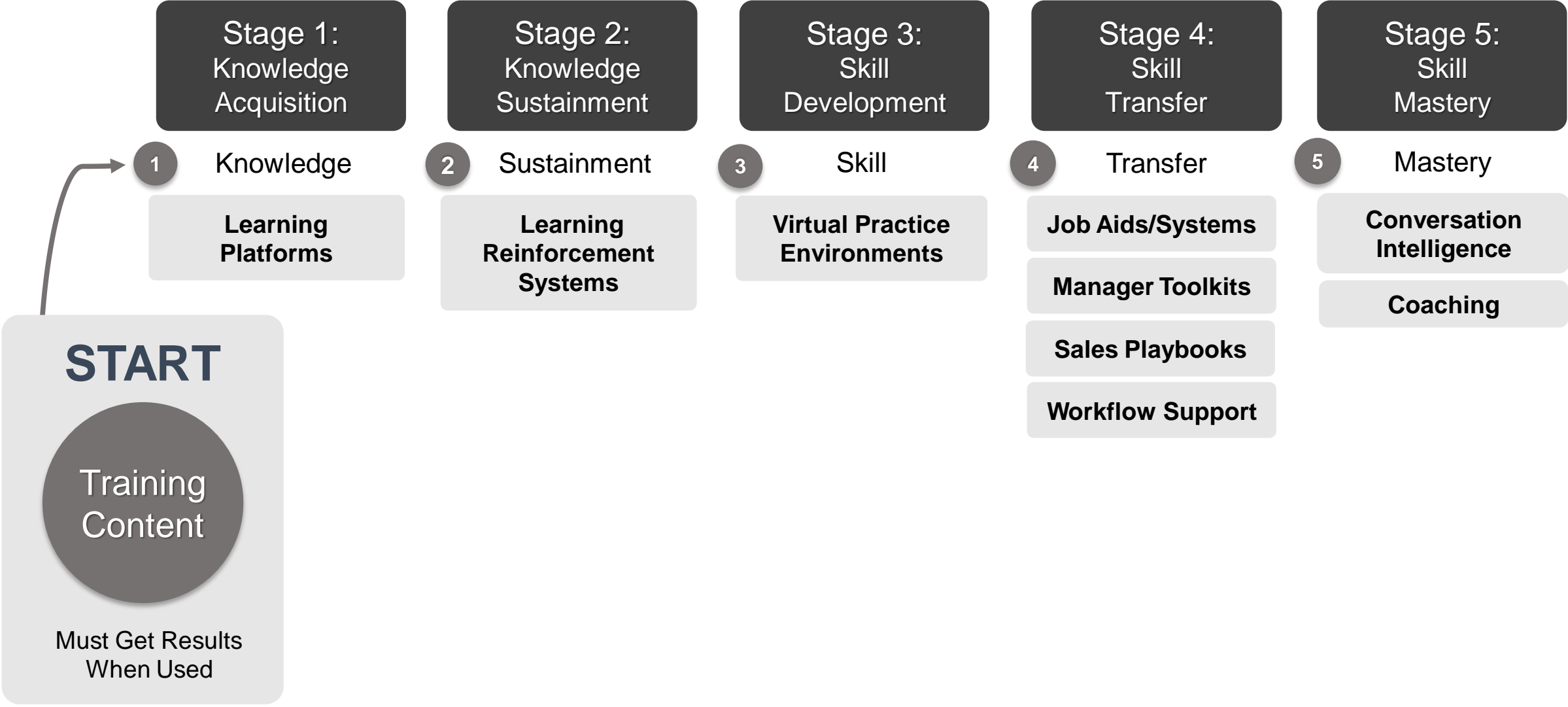
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How Sales Tools/Services Can Support The 5 Stages



How To Get Started

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*Hey Martha,
how do I get to
Carnegie Hall?*

*That depends,
Bob. Where are
you now?*



Develop a Sales Enablement Charter

Developing your charter is about getting clarity and setting expectations.

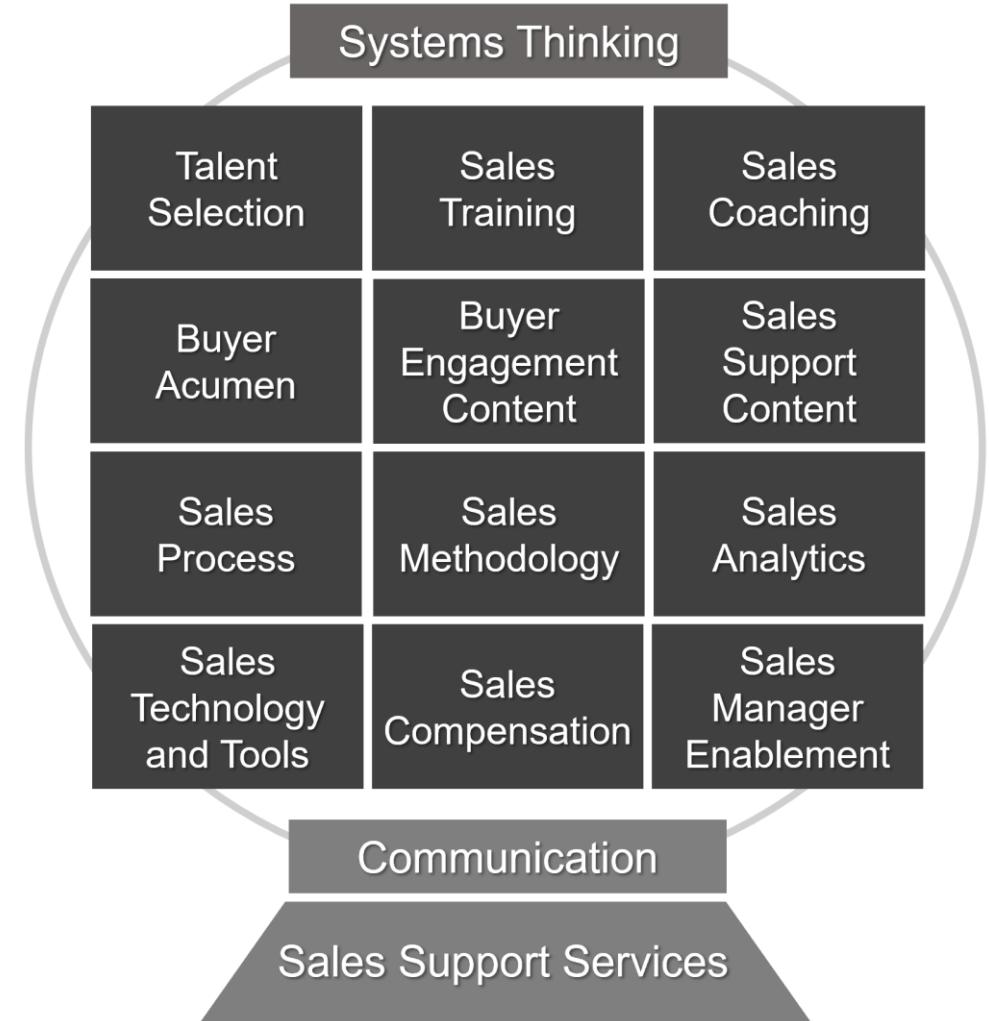
Why	Why are you adding a (or evolving your) Sales Enablement function?
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What will you be doing (or adding/evolving to)?• How will you define Sales Enablement? (Analysts, SES, ATD, mine, some combo?)• What roles will you support? (AE, AM, SDR, BDM, SE, FLSM, other?)
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is going to do it?• Where/to whom will this function report?• Who else will you collaborate with?
How	How will this work be done and to what level?

Develop a Charter: What and How

Based on staffing, budget, and resources:

- Which of the Building Blocks will your SE team support?
- How will you sew them together with systems thinking and communication management?
- What level of SE Support Services can you or will you provide?
 - Account research support
 - Customized presentation support
 - Meeting preparation support
 - RFP support
 - Deal Desk
 - Coaching services.

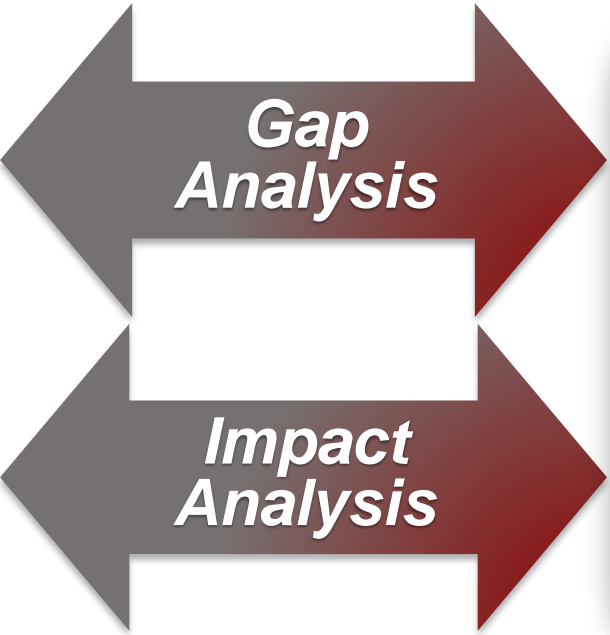
Sales Enablement Building Blocks with Sales Support Services



Assess Against Your Charter

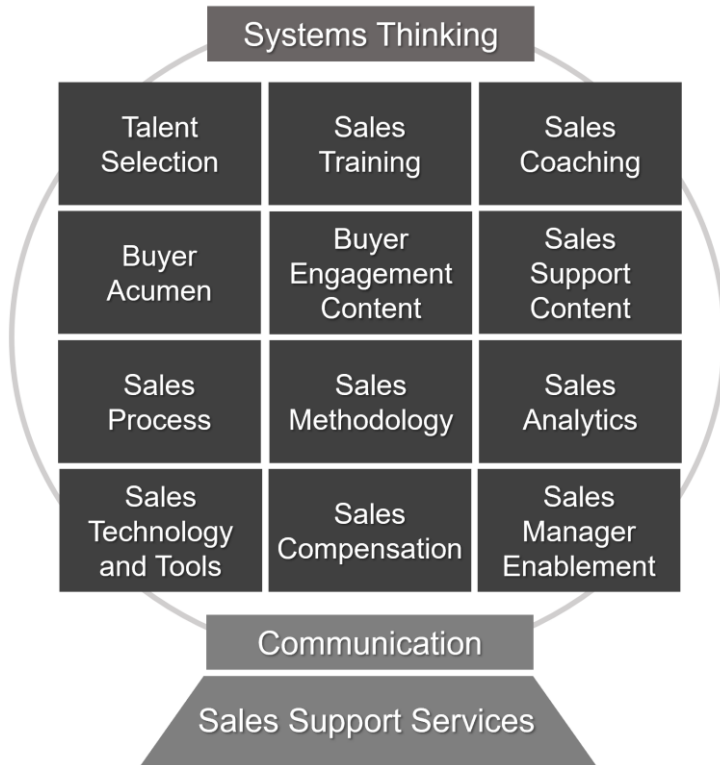
Point A

Point B



Use the Frameworks as your Diagnostic Tools

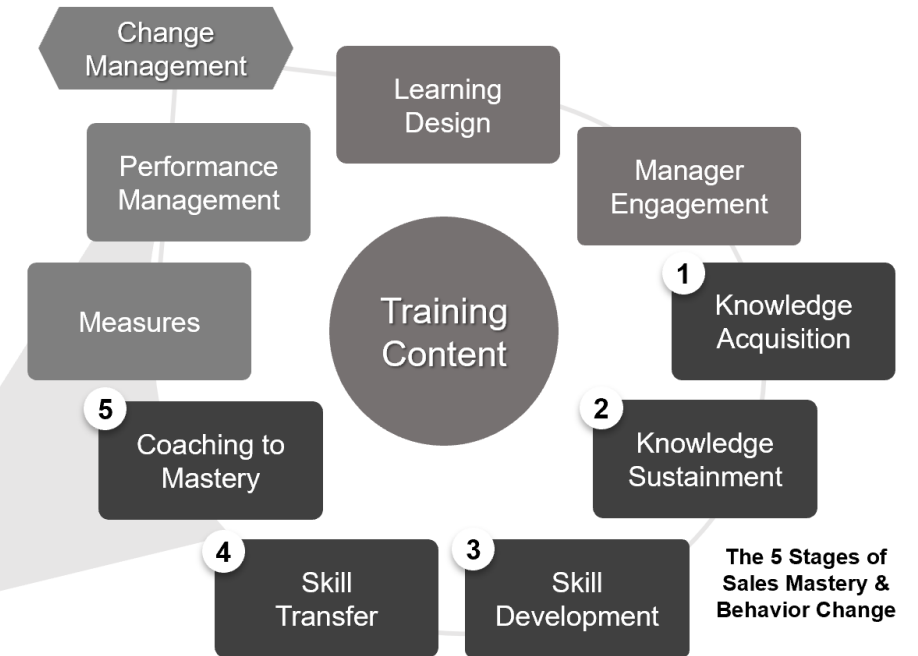
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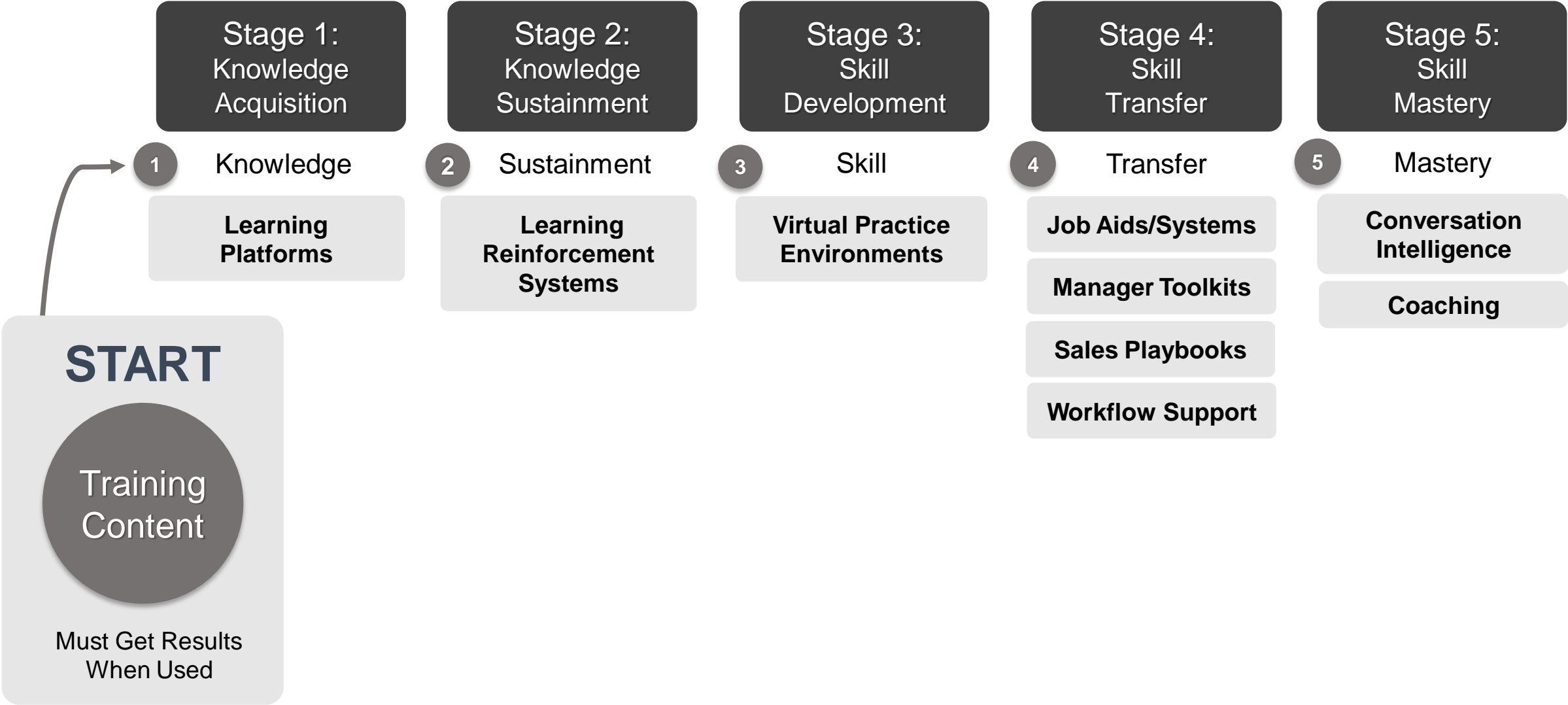
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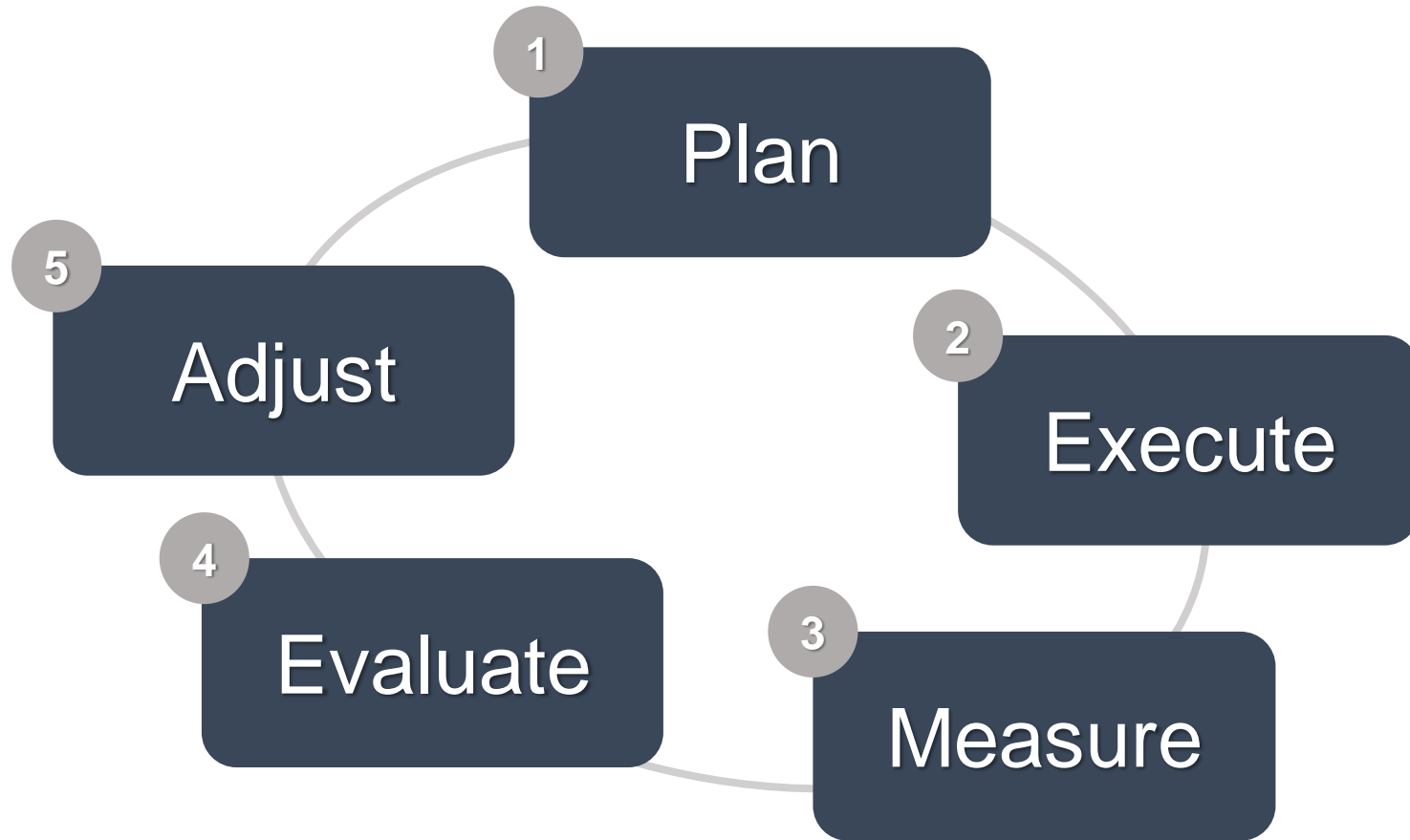
Determine Your Tool Strategy



What To Avoid in Your Sales Enablement Function

- Directionless (no charter) / Random acts of enablement
- Order-taking
- Knee-jerk reactions
- No collaboration
- Lack of root-cause analysis
- Poor solution design (ex: training solution for a non-training problem)
- Task-oriented, project/initiative-oriented approach
- Not tied or only loosely-tied to sales productivity outcomes
- Lack of change management
- No measurement
- Lack of evaluation.

Prepare and Execute with Continuous Improvement



Is this really worth all the effort, Mike?

Glad you asked...

- Increased sales per rep by 47%
- Increased sales results 28.7% over previous year
- Decreased new-hire ramp up time by: 23%, 34%, 47%, 52% (within 6 to 18 months)
- At 120 days, new reps outperformed a control group of 5 year reps by 21%
- \$398MM YoY revenue increase (18 months total; one year after 6 months of projects)
- Increased sales/rep in the 90 days after training by 23% – accretive increase of \$36.6MM/year
- Increased sales 600% over previous year while decreasing net operating expenses by 21%
- Improved average profitability per sales rep by 11%
- Improved new rep win rate by 16%

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WHERE?

WHAT?

WHO?

HOW?

WHY?

WHEN?

**THANKS for your
time & attention!**

Hope to see you at The logo for 'atd sell', with 'atd' in small grey text above 'sell' in large grey text, and a green arrow pointing upwards and to the right.

Remember to review the complimentary resources in the Appendix!

APPENDIX

Evolving to Performance Consulting

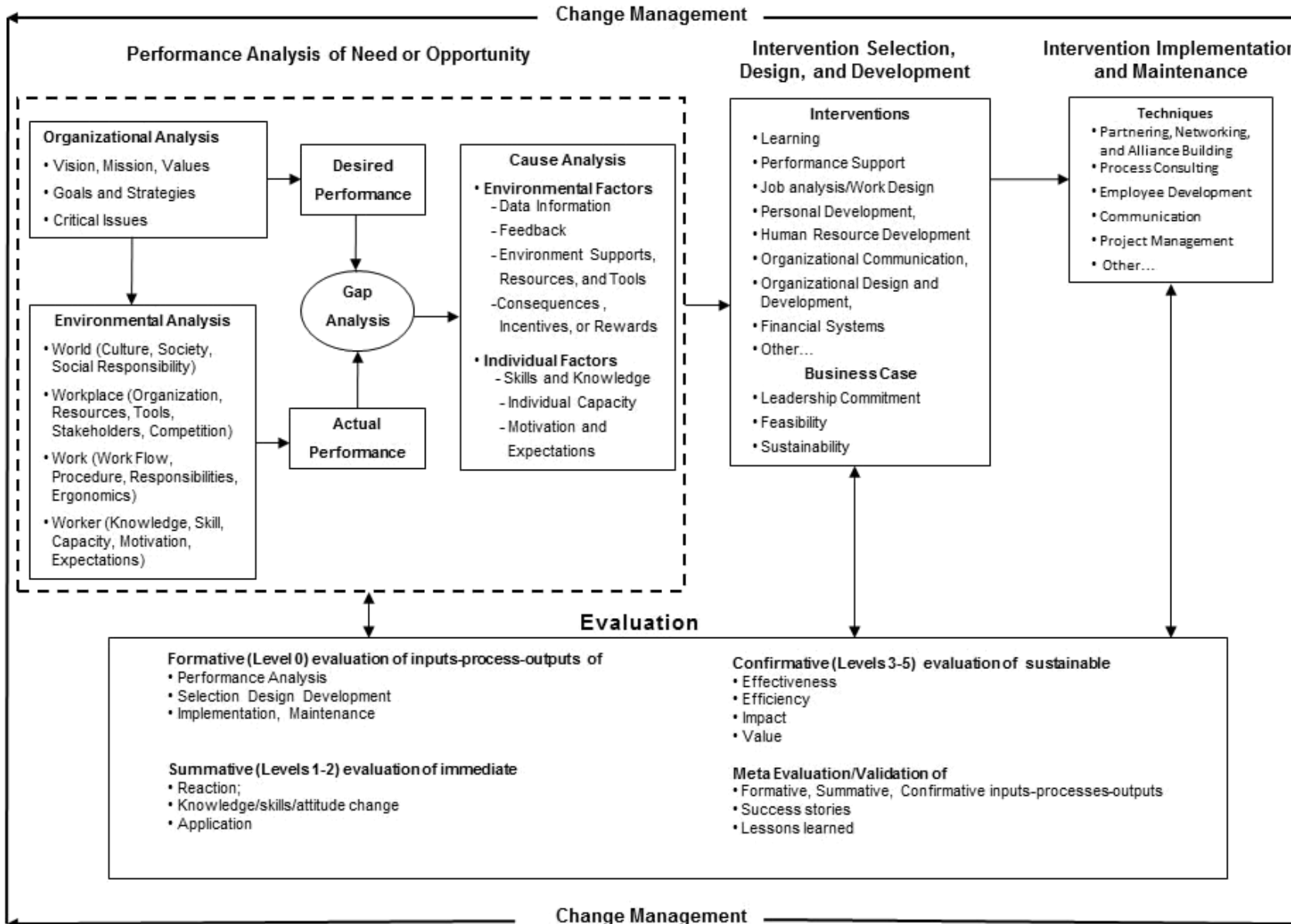
- An Adaptive Approach -

Performance Consulting

A systematic and holistic approach to improve workplace performance and achieve business goals

- Grounded in analytics, diagnostics, and root cause analysis
- Considers of a broad array of organizational and individual factors that influence human performance
- Selection, design, and development of the most appropriate solution to solve the identified performance problem
- Implementation using proven-effective practices for the selected intervention and change practices including communication, follow-through, measurement, analysis, evaluation, and adjustment to ensure results are achieved.

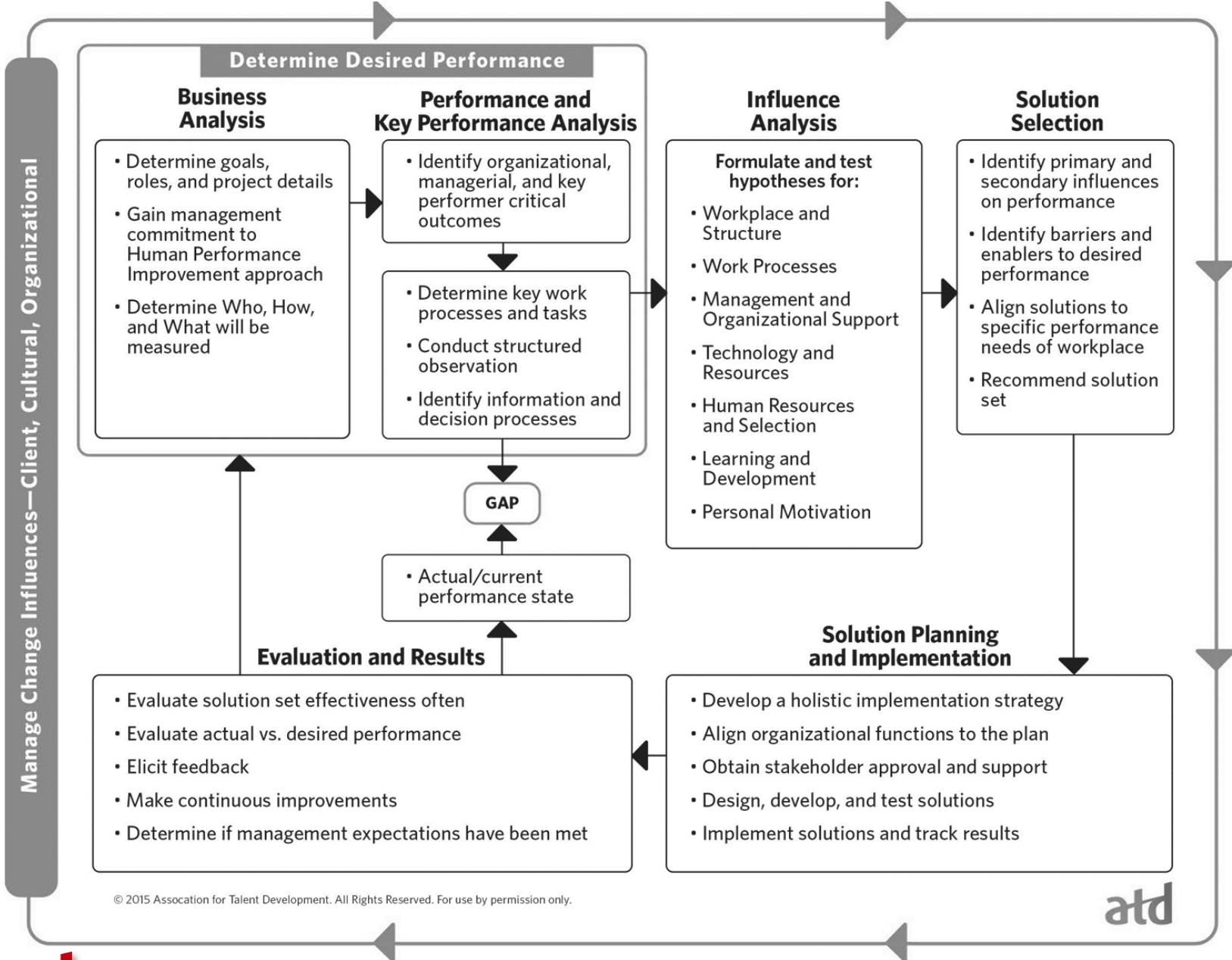
Performance Improvement / HPT Model from ISPI



Related Reading

- https://www.ispi.org/ISPI/ISPI/About_ISPI/PI_HPT_Model.aspx
- <https://www.hrispi.org/what-is-hpt-hampton-roads-ispi>
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ATD Human Performance Improvement Model



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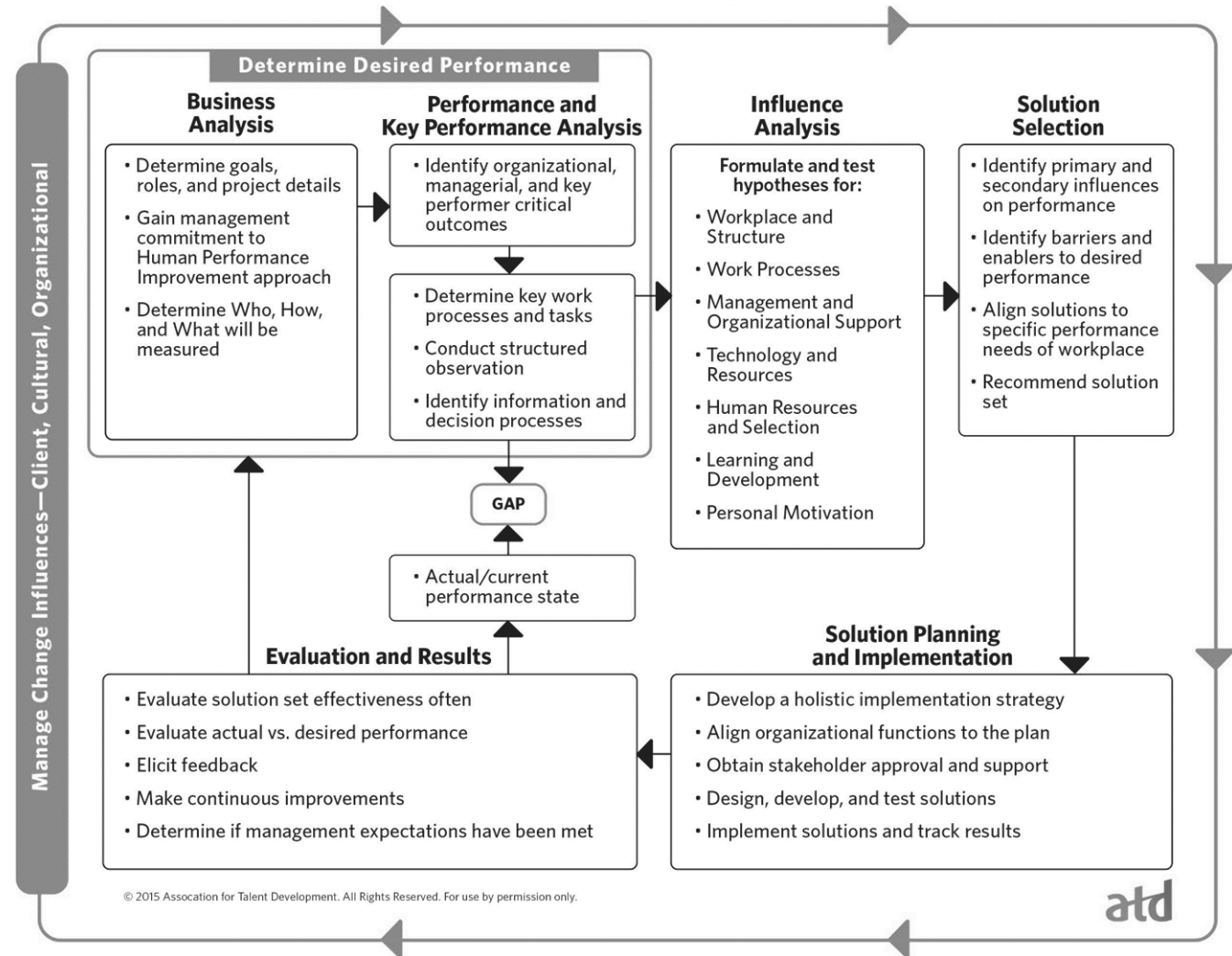
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- <https://www.td.org/td-at-work/making-the-financial-case-for-performance-improvement>

Sales Enablement Meets Performance Consulting

The Method

- Diagnostics / Gap Analysis
- Root-Cause Analysis
- Problem-Solving / Solution Design
- Solution Development
- Solution Implementation with Change Management
- Measure / Evaluate / Adjust

ATD Human Performance Improvement Model



Sales Enablement vs. Sales Performance Consulting

KEY DIFFERENCES	Sales Enablement	Sales Performance Consulting
Focus	Leading initiatives and projects	Closing performance gaps
Outputs	Activities: Messaging, training, tools	Results: Improved performance
Measures	Progress of initiatives and projects	Performance change and ROI
Assessments	How much the sales force uses outputs	How much the sales force improves
Accountability	Delivering things to the sales force	Delivering better sales productivity
Executive View	Cost center	Investment

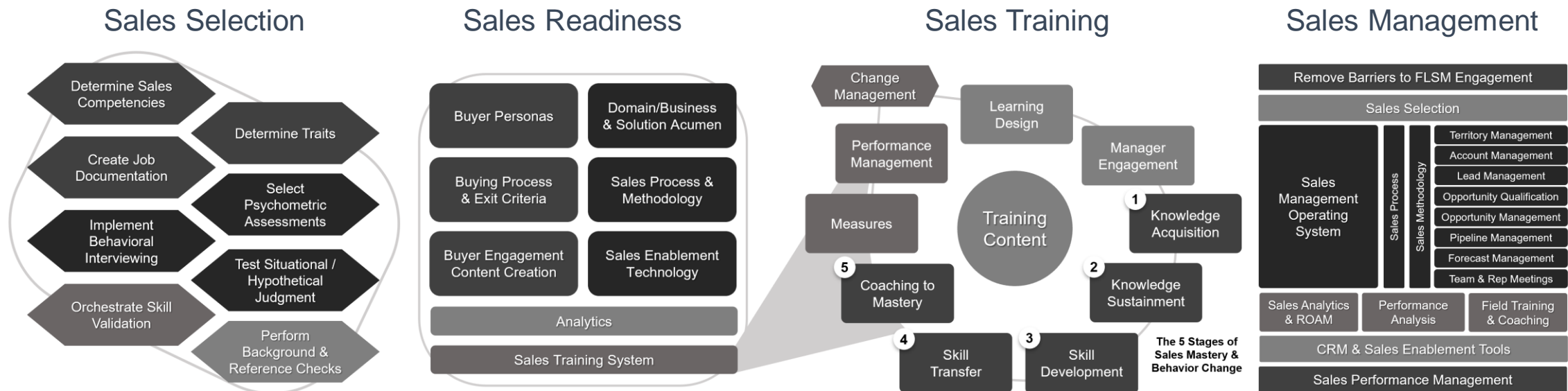
Additional Resources

Additional Resources for Sales Enablement

- Watch this webinar: <http://bit.ly/SMMwebinar-08152018>
- Sales Enablement Society: <https://www.sesociety.org/home>
- ATD Sales Enablement Community: <https://www.td.org/topics/sales-enablement>
- Community for Sales Enablement Professionals: <http://www.salesenablement.com/>
- Demand Metric Resources: <https://www.demandmetric.com/premium-content/Sales%20Enablement>
- CSO Insights: <https://www.csoinsights.com>
- IDC: https://www.idc.com/prodserv/custom_solutions/pages/plan/sales-sd.jsp
- SiriusDecisions: <https://www.siriusdecisions.com/>
- Topo: <http://topohq.com/>
- CEB: <https://www.cebglobal.com/>
- Aberdeen: <http://www.aberdeen.com/>
- Aragon: <https://aragonresearch.com/cso/>
- Forrester: <https://www.forrester.com/search?tmtxt=%22sales+enablement%22>
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 - <https://www.amazon.com/Sales-Enablement-Framework-Empower-World-Class/dp/1119440270/>
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 - <https://www.amazon.com/Enablement-Mastery-Business-Processes-Priorities/dp/1626345740/>
- Read these eBooks: <http://bit.ly/SalesCoachingEbook-TSR> / <http://bit.ly/SalesLearningSystemEbookTSR>

Additional Reading: A Systems Approach to Sales Transformation

- Overview: <http://bit.ly/4SalesSystems-Overview> (Blog Post)
- Sales Selection System: <http://bit.ly/4SalesSystems-Selection> (Blog Post)
- Sales Support System: <http://bit.ly/4SalesSystems-SalesSupport> (Blog Post)
- Sales Learning System: <http://bit.ly/SalesLearningSystemEbookTSR> (eBook)
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The Wider World of Business Performance Improvement

Performance Consulting is a process in which a client and consultant partner to accomplish the strategic outcome of optimizing workplace performance in support of business goals.

~ Jim and Dana Robinson

Six Sigma is a defined and disciplined business methodology to increase customer satisfaction and profitability by streamlining operations, improving quality and eliminating defects in every organization-wide process.

~ Six Sigma Institute

Organization Development (OD) is the practice of developing organization capability through alignment of strategy, structure, management processes, people, and rewards and metrics.

~ Organization Development Network

Human Performance Technology (HPT) is:

- a systematic approach to improving productivity and competence, uses a set of methods and procedures -- and a strategy for solving problems -- for realizing opportunities related to the performance of people.
- a process of selection, analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation of programs to most cost-effectively influence human behavior and accomplishment.
- a systematic combination of three fundamental processes: performance analysis, cause analysis, and intervention selection, and can be applied to individuals, small groups, and large organizations.

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Industrial & Organizational Psychology (IOP)

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Diagnostic Tool Examples

- Forcefield Analysis

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Current State:

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Desired Future State:

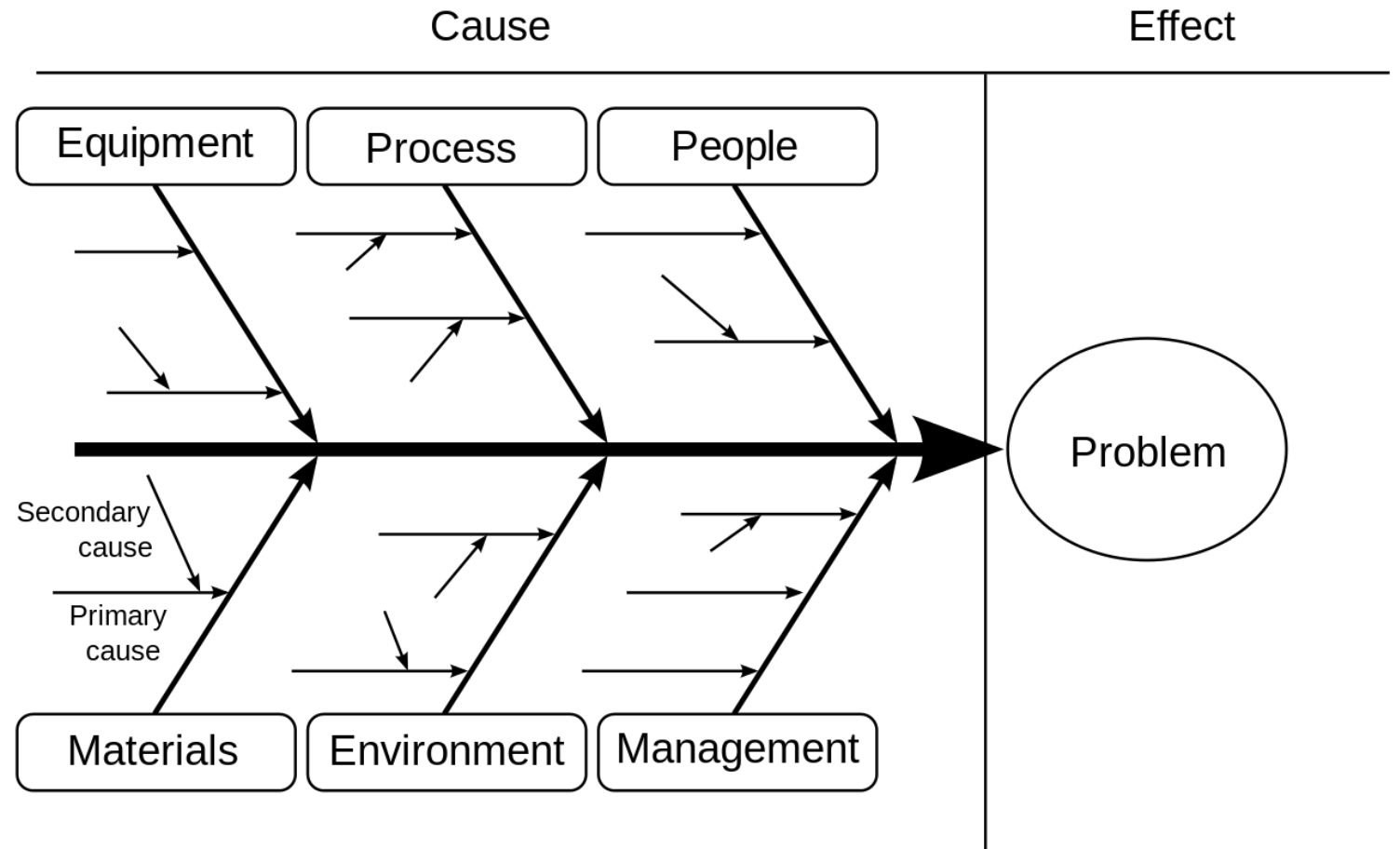
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Factor Analysis

Driving Forces		Restraining Forces	
Weight	1	→	←
	3	→	←
	2	→	←
	5	→	←
	1	→	←
		←	2
		←	2
		←	5
		←	1
		←	3
		←	1

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Survey Design

- ▶ Rate the statement provided.
- ▶ How much do you agree it's a Performance Lever?
- ▶ If rated 1-2, next question.
- ▶ If rated 3-5:
 - ▶ Importance & Difficulty
- ▶ And in *some* cases:
 - ▶ Frequency: Actual & Should

AGREEMENT SCALE				
1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

Using empathy statements to acknowledge a prospect's situation/feelings

IMPORTANCE TO RESULTS				
1	2	3	4	5
Not Important	Of Little Importance	Moderately Important	Important	Very Important

DIFFICULTY				
1	2	3	4	5
Very Easy	Easy	Average	Difficult	Very Difficult

FREQUENCY: ACTUAL				
1	2	3	4	5
Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Often	Very Often

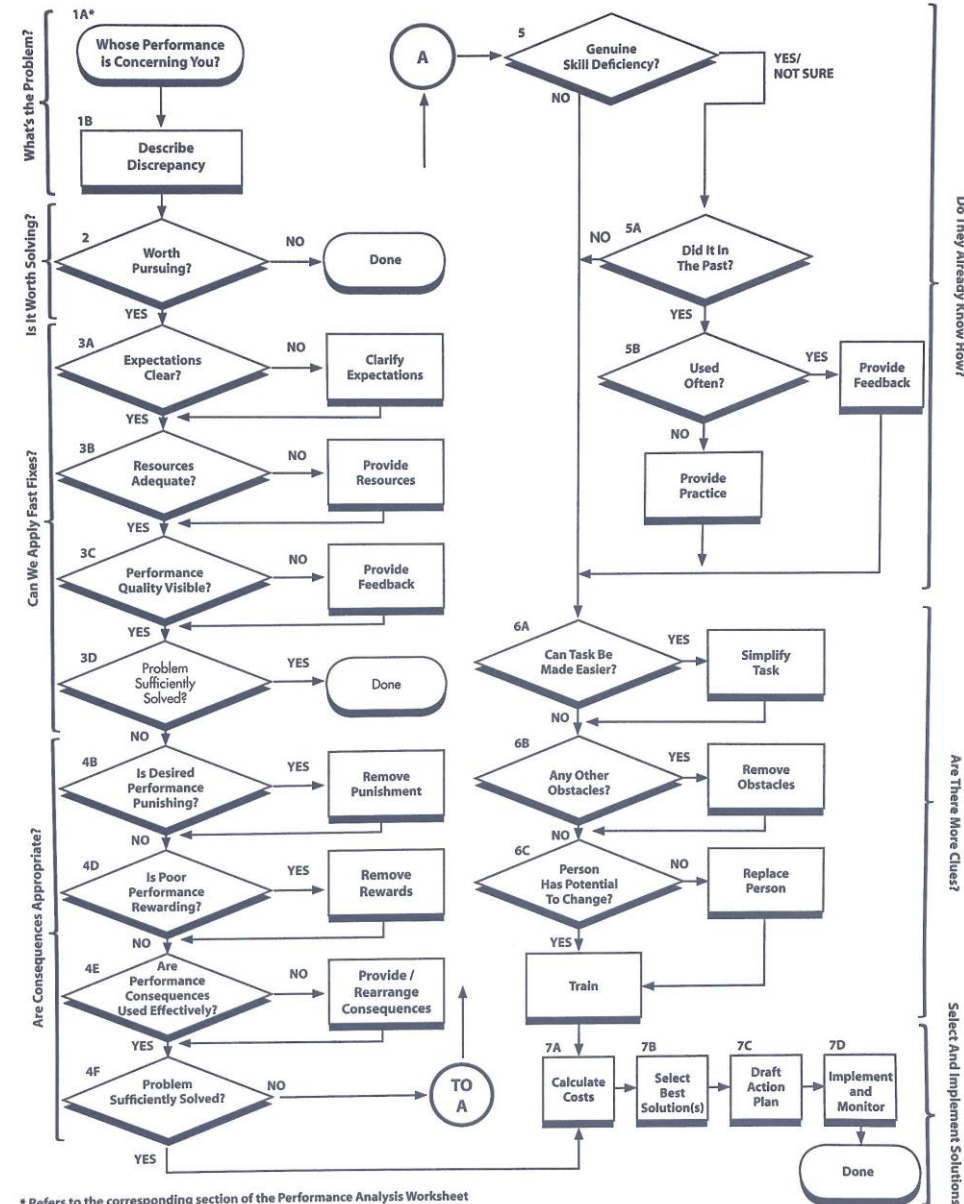
FREQUENCY: SHOULD				
1	2	3	4	5
Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Often	Very Often

- ▶ In addition, you should ask what you missed, by Lever, and a handful of other questions – such as normal demographics & **Continue | Start | Stop**.

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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS FLOWCHART



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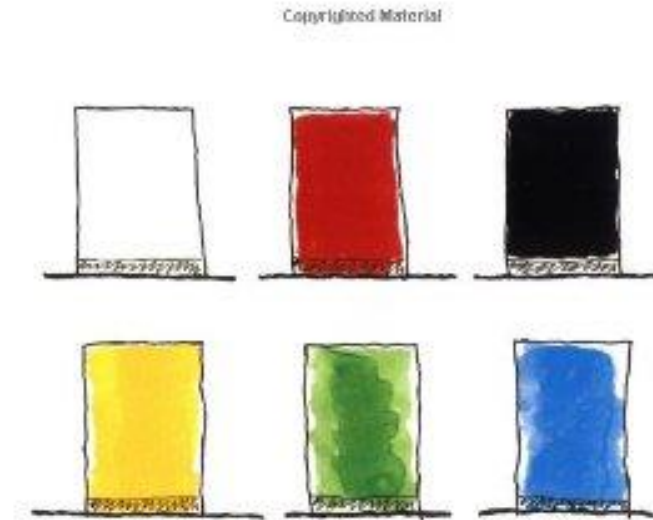
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Condition	Reasons	Solutions
Don't know something	What to do	Training Coaching
	Why to do it	
	How to do it	
Incorrect thinking	Their way is better	Coaching Counseling
	Your way won't work	
	Something else is more important	
	They are doing it (lack of feedback)	
Misaligned consequences	A negative consequence for doing it	Manage consequences
	No negative consequence for not doing it	
	A positive consequence for not doing it	
	No positive consequence for doing it	
Constraints	Obstacles beyond their control	Counsel Change Transfer Terminate
	Personal limits (incapacity)	
	Fear (anticipating failure)	
	Personal problems	
	No one could do it	

* Adapted from [Ferdinand F. Fournies](#)

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- **Grid Analysis**

Grid Analysis

	Alternatives					Weighting of Factors
	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Alternative 4	Alternative 5	
Factor 1						
Factor 2						
Factor 3						
Factor 4						
Factor 5						
Overall Weighted Score	0	0	0	0	0	

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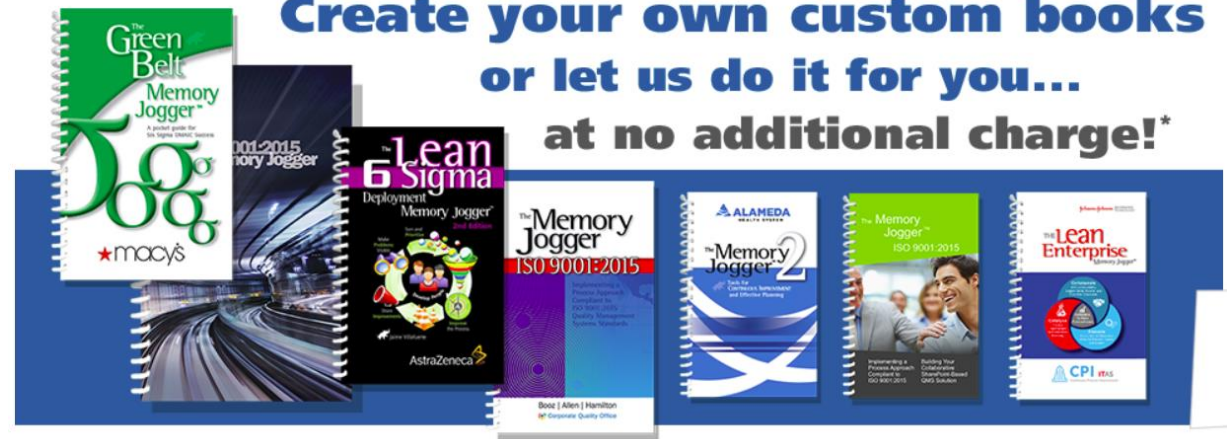
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