





## **OWN IT!**

# Crucial Coaching Conversations of Accountability!

A Leadership Program for Workforce Solutions for North Central PA



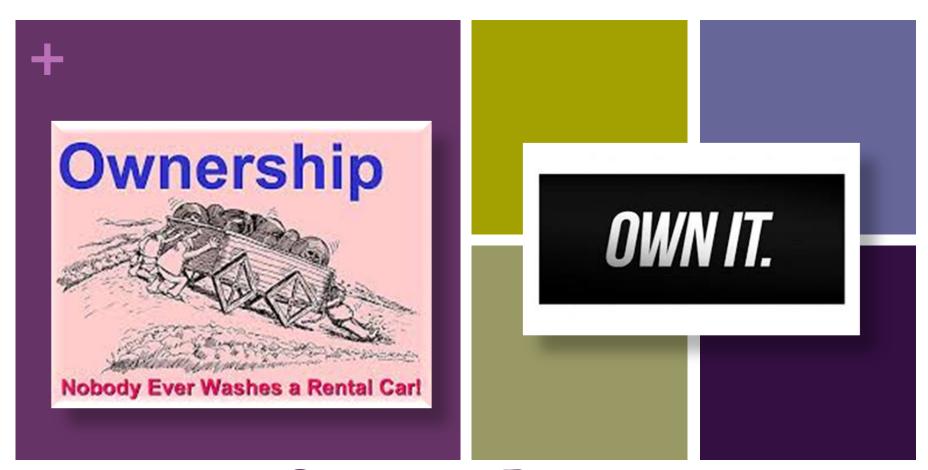
## **Learning Goals**



- Review key pillars of an accountability-rich culture.
- Learn a simple framework for conversations of accountability, including specific communication tips & tactics.
- Apply the accountability conversation framework to relevant, real-life scenarios.



The Powerful Message of Accountability



#### Owners vs. Renters

Owners behave differently than renters.

Create a team of owners!

Large Group Discussion

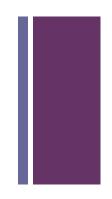
Coaching Definition: Accountability

Doing the "right thing" consistently day after day, in both tasks and relationships to fulfill the vision & mission of the team/organization; to live its values and to follow the rules of engagement.



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## Chain of Accountability



- System of individuals linked in a chain of mutual support achieving something meaningful together
- The chain is as strong as its weakest link





Lean in actively to the leadership dare!

You are an influential link in the chain of accountability!!



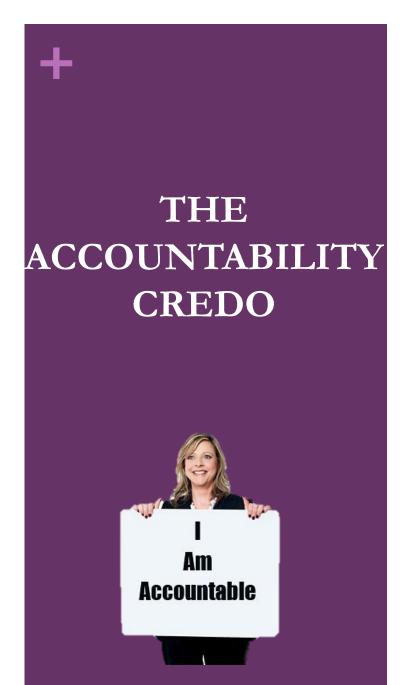


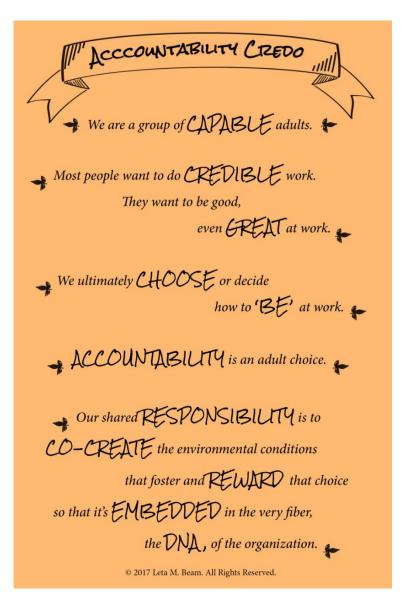
# Accountability Prerequisites

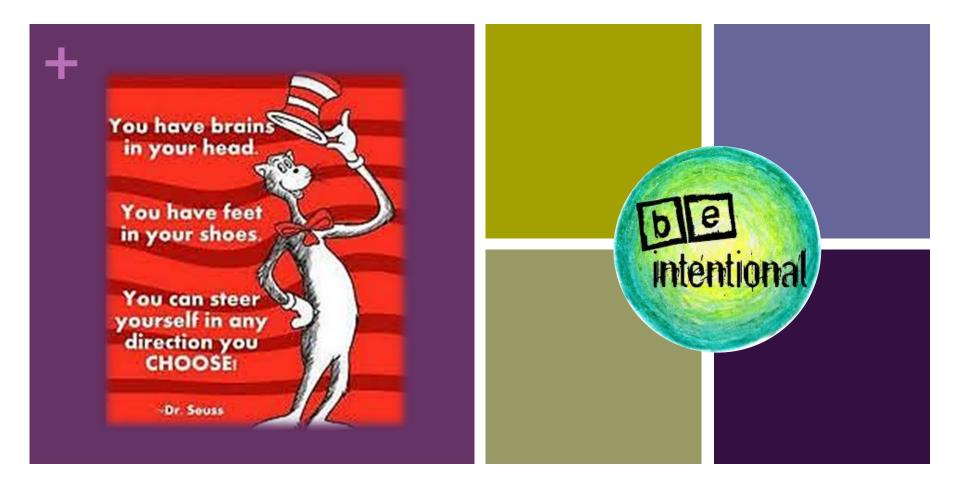


- Universal knowledge & understanding of vision, mission, values
- Clear appreciation of expectations, individually & collectively
- Universal knowledge & understanding of code of conduct, ground rules, etc.
- Universal knowledge & understanding of consequences
- The will to apply consequences

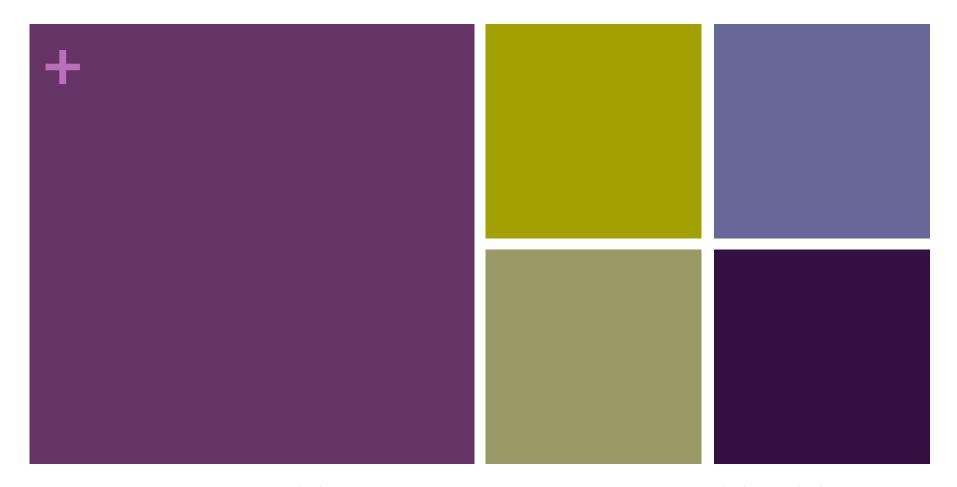








What you permit, you promote!



What Comes To Mind When You Hear The Term Coaching Conversations of Accountability?

**Chat Box Discussion** 





#### Crucial

- Stakes are high.
- Opinions vary.
- **■** Emotions run strong.
- About tough issues.



#### Coaching

A directed conversation that happens all the time, everyday and has a purpose & structure···thoughtful conversation purposefully focused on bringing out the best in oneself and others to achieve a meaningful goal(s).

- □ Built on relationships
- □ Slower rather than faster
- □ Is performance focused
- □ Delivery matters!!



## Feedback & Feedforward

Feedback (when focused on performance) is a dialogue between/ among people where information is exchanged concerning the performance that's expected and the performance that's exhibited. It generally focuses on the past with implications for the present.

Feedforward is a coaching term that describes a dialogue that primarily focuses on co-creating options to move someone to the next performance level. It is oriented to the future and is intended to help design a way forward & enable someone to move ahead.

#### **Both Are Coaching Conversations!**





# What Challenges Do Crucial Coaching Conversations Present?

**Breakout Room Discussion** 



What's The Upside? What Value Do Crucial Coaching Conversations Create?

**Breakout Room Discussion** 



### **Best Practices**



#### Structural

- Gather your thoughts and practice.
- Offer non-threatening invitation.
- Talk in a private space.
- Be seated; on the same side of the table or desk.
- Allow enough time to do it right.
- Focus on behavior rather than judgement.
- Delivery matters a great deal!
- Clarify commitment(s)

#### Behavioral (Skill)

- Talk sooner rather than later.
- Be straightforward w/o harshness.
- Select your first words with great care; they are the rudder of the conversation.
- Clearly & actively listen; (80/20).
- Ask more questions rather than tell.
- Single-handle 'the' behavior; refocus if needed.
- Avoid spoon feeding solutions



## **Avoiding Worst Practices**

What practices/habits can impair the success of crucial coaching conversations?

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## **Practices To Avoid**

- Don't be emotionally charged.
- Don't make it a personal attack (even mildly).
- Don't sugar coat the message.
- Don't blame.
- Don't procrastinate.
- Don't be quick to solve the other person's challenge.
- Don't use the 'feedback sandwich' unless it's sincere.
- Don't avoid them.

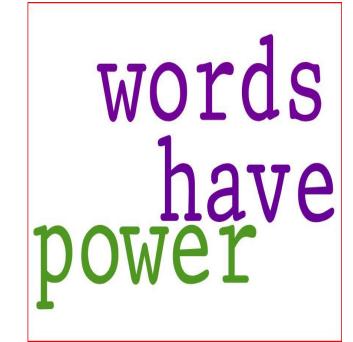


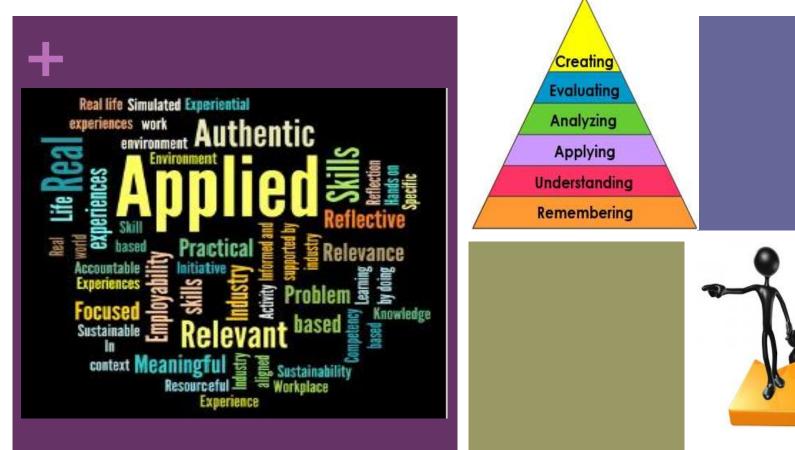


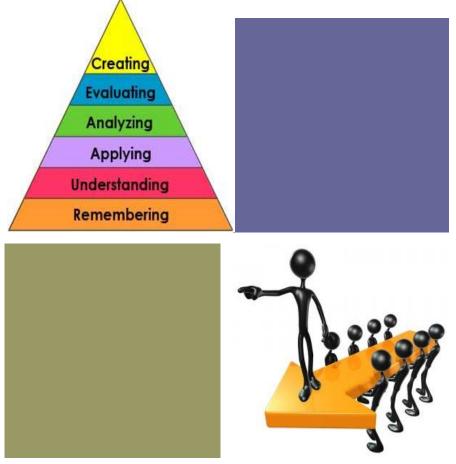
# Framework That Makes A Difference



- Preparation & Pre-work The 'umbrella' step
- Step #1 The Framework
- Step #2 Performance
- Step #3 Impact
- Step #4 Build Accountability
- Step #5 Next Steps





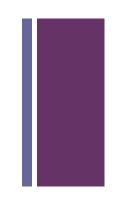


## Let's Apply the Learning: Situation Analyses

**Breakout Room Discussion** 

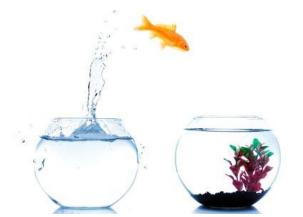


# **Useful Resources**



- Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High Kerry Patterson
- Discussing The Undiscussable William Noonan





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