

## Lansing Community College

### Course Cover Sheet



#### M-CAM Training Area:

☐ CNC/Machining ☐ Multi-Skilled Mechatronics ☒ Production Operation ☐ Welding/Fabrications

**Program(s):** Certified Production Technician

**Course:** Team Building for Production - Instructor Guide

#### Course Description:

Team Building for Production is an eight-hour course which will increase the employee's awareness and understanding of the four primary behavioral styles and their effect on interpersonal interactions and relationships in the workplace. In addition, through an interactive team-build simulation, participants will understand the potential teams have for achieving results, and the importance of interpersonal communication among employees.

Participants will not only demonstrate the importance of team communication but also how a positive attitude can increase productivity and improve morale, quality, and customer satisfaction within an organization.

Delivery method is face-to-face, activity-based.

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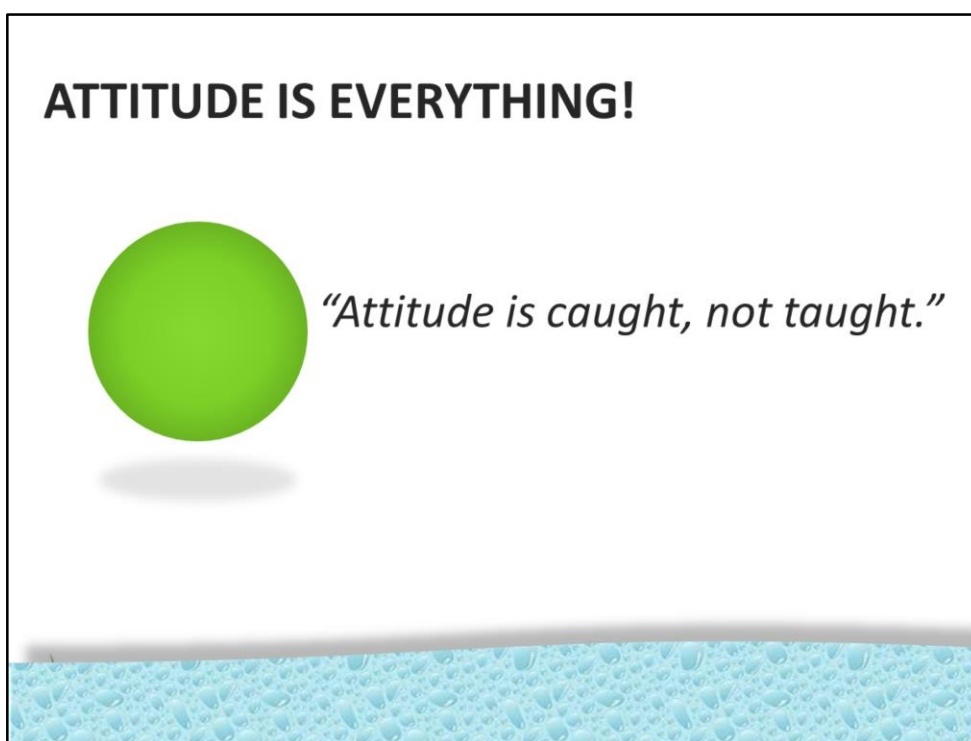
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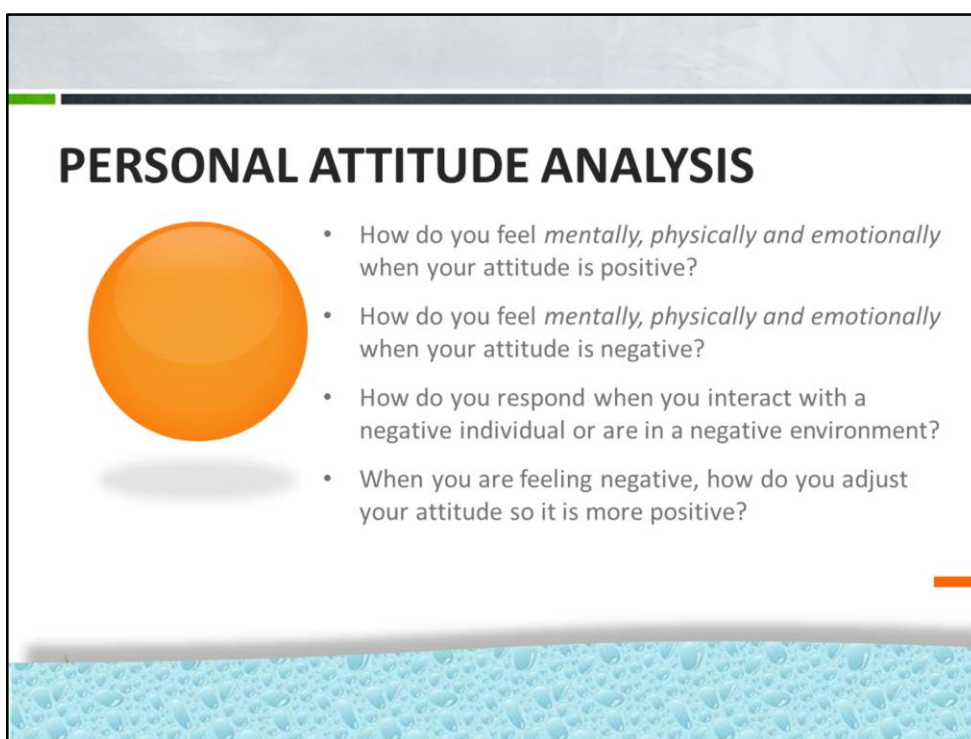
FACILITATOR NOTES:

**SAY:** "Attitude is caught, not taught." **What does that tell you?**

**LISTEN** for the participants' responses. They should include things like:

- The attitude of one person can affect someone else, a whole team, or a whole organization.
- Each individual is responsible for monitoring his/her attitude.

**SAY:** "We will be discussing the impact of attitude on each of us personally and on our interpersonal interaction both on and off the job."



**SAY:** “Let’s begin by doing some self analysis.”

#### **ACTIVITY (0:05) HO**

**SEE HANDOUT:** DIRECT participants to the handout: “**Personal Attitude Analysis**”

- **REVIEW** the instructions.
- **STOP** the activity when **5 minutes has elapsed**.

**DEBRIEF** the activity. **ASK:**

- “What did you learn from this exercise?”
- What insights did you gain that were surprising?

**REMINDE** participants that they will be referring to this handout later in the program.

#### **LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION (0:10)**

**LEAD** a group discussion on the effects of negativity on themselves, their workgroups, their organizations...

- Considering health, careers, creativity, interpersonal relationships.

**CONFERENCE AND CHART** their answers on a flip chart – example:

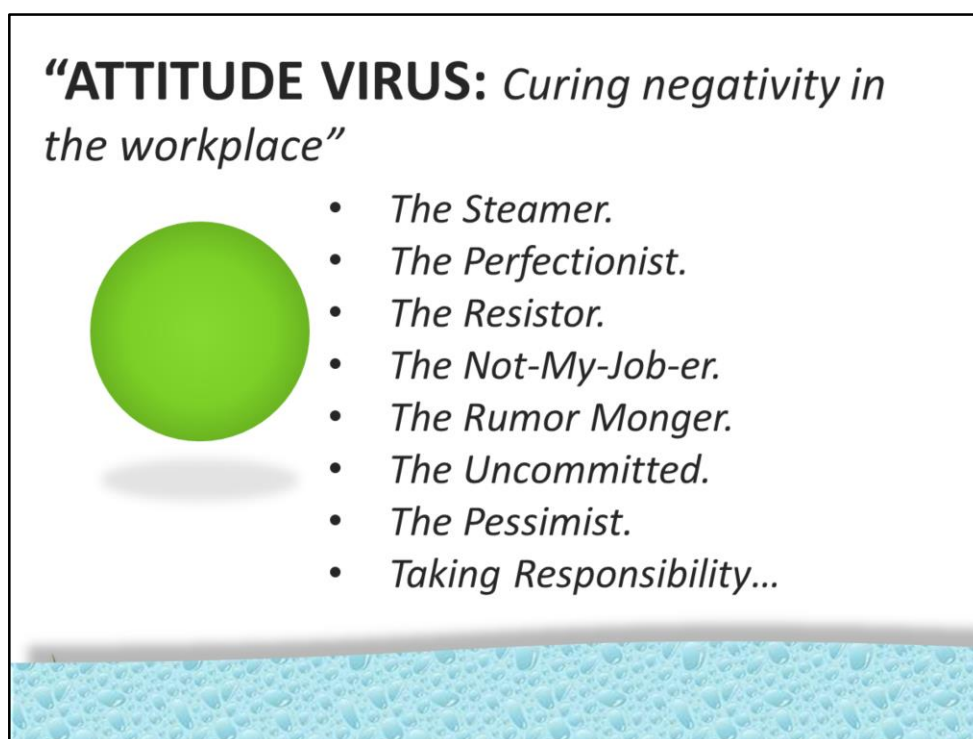
#### **EFFECTS OF NEGATIVITY:**

Personal:

Workgroup:

Organization:

**POST** the chart on the wall for reference throughout the session.

**VIDEO (0:20)**

**INTRODUCE** the video.

**SAY:** “This video shows what can happen when negativity invades the workplace.”

**SHOW** video.


**DISCUSSION/DEBRIEF (0:10)**

**ASK: & [OPTIONALLY] CHART RESPONSES** on a flip chart.

- What made the greatest impact on you?
- Have you ever seen an “Attitude Virus” spread from person to person in your home or workplace?
- Describe the chain of contact.
- What are some situations at *home* that might cause a bad attitude? Results?
- What are some situations at *work* that might cause a bad attitude? Results?
- **What should we add to our chart on the “Effects of Negativity?”**
- IN AN ORGANIZATION, WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF A **POSITIVE** ENVIRONMENT?

ALSO SEE HANDOUT: “The Attitude Virus” for reference.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR ATTITUDE



- What Is a Positive Attitude?
- The Importance of a Positive Attitude.
- A Positive Attitude Affects Personality.
- The Power of a Positive Attitude.
- Attitude Renewal: How to Give Your Attitude a Tune-Up.

### LECTURETTE/DISCUSSION (0:30)

#### TRANSITION STATEMENT:

“We have discussed the impact of negativity on ourselves, our workgroups, and our organizations.

“We have also discussed some of the benefits of creating or contributing to a positive environment.”

**INTRODUCE** the topics that will be discussed. (There are separate slides for each topic – see slides 6-11)



**ASK:** How would you define “Attitude”? (listen to participants answers or list on flipchart paper)

**SAY:** “Attitude is the way you look at things mentally, your mental focus on the world. You can think of our Attitude like a magnifying glass or binoculars. Through your attitude you can look at life, especially challenges with a “magnified” focus in and make problems seem bigger or just back away to make the problems seem smaller as well. You can also magnify the positive things in life with a positive attitude.”

## WHAT IS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE?

- Attitude is the way you look at things mentally, your mental focus on the world.
- Your attitude is never static.
- Events, circumstances, and messages – both positive and negative – can affect your attitude.
- No one can be positive all the time.
- A positive attitude makes problem solving easier.
- The more you expect from a situation, the more success you will achieve.

**ELABORATE** on each key point individually.

To keep the discussion interactive, occasionally **ASK**:

- Why do you suppose this is so?
- Who has experienced this? Give an example.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

- See opportunities.
- Spot problems in time to take action and avoid major consequences.
- Look out for customers, co-workers, themselves, and their organization on every project/activity they are involved with.
- Enjoy their work.
- More likely to be promoted.

**SAY:** “People with a good attitude always seem to be looking up and forward.”

**EXPAND** on each point.

**ASK:** “How does attitude, positive or negative, affect personality? GIVE AN EXAMPLE.

- *“Why do you suppose that is?” (The next slide expands on this idea.)*



## A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AFFECTS PERSONALITY

- Can convert an ordinary personality into one that is interesting or exciting to others.
- Can make a typical person seem better looking to others.
- Can attract attention to outstanding traits in a personality that would otherwise go unnoticed.
- Make the total image of a person seem brighter and more attractive to others.

**DISCUSS** the four key points of the slide.

Tie your remarks to the responses the participants have just made.

## THE POWER OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

- A positive attitude triggers your enthusiasm.
- A positive attitude enhances your creativity.
- A positive attitude makes good things happen.

*Your actions flow from your attitude!*

**SAY:** “We have discussed a number of benefits for maintaining a positive attitude. Here are three additional advantages.”

**DISCUSS:** the points on the slide.

**ASK:** “How many of you have ever blamed someone else for causing your poor attitude?”

**LEAD:** a brief discussion on this topic.

**SAY:** “The bottom line is we alone allow people to *steal* our positive attitudes. We don’t have to let that happen.

**“Let’s look at some tips to help us safeguard those positive attitudes.”**

**GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE.**

## **THEFT PREVENTION: SAFEGUARDING YOUR ATTITUDE**

- Solve personal conflicts quickly.
- When people behave unreasonably or unfairly, take the high road; don't drop to their level.
- When you have repeated conflicts with someone, insulate or distance yourself.
- Remember, *your attitude belongs to you.*

GO THROUGH THE POINTS ON THE SLIDE.

**ASK** participants what they do to rejuvenate their attitudes.

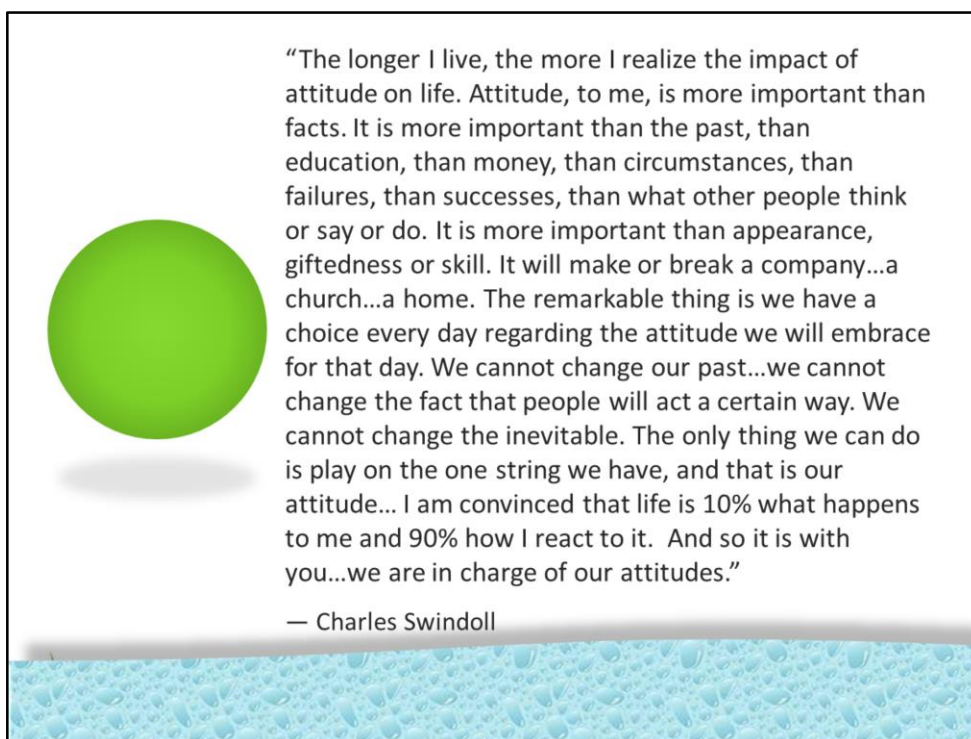
## **ATTITUDE RENEWAL: GIVE YOURSELF A TUNE-UP**

- Make daily adjustments.
- Get weekend tune-ups.
- Take action to get out of your rut.

**STATE:** “Here are some suggestions as to how you might renew that positive attitude.”

**WALK THROUGH** each of the suggestions on the slide.

**RELATE** these suggestions back to the earlier participants’ responses.



**DIRECT** participants to the Swindoll quote in their handout.

**SUGGEST** they might want to post it somewhere in the office or on their refrigerator at home as a reminder to keep a positive attitude.

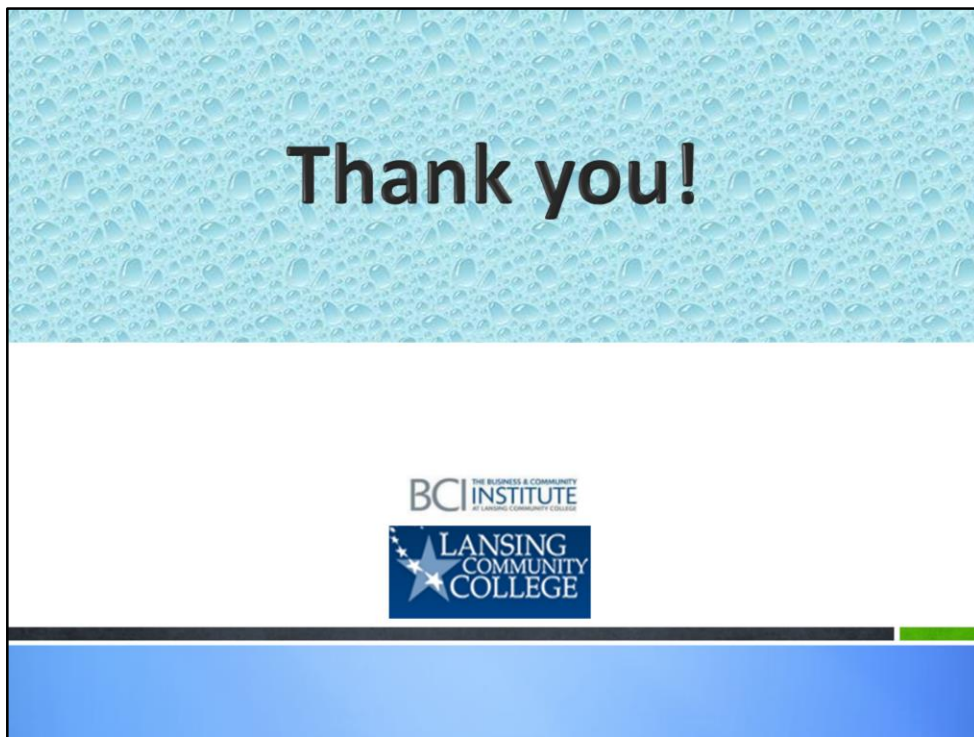
### **ACTION PLAN HANDOUT (0:10)**

**INTRODUCE** action planning by stressing its importance.

**DIRECT** participants to the handout (last page in the binder).

**REVIEW** instructions.

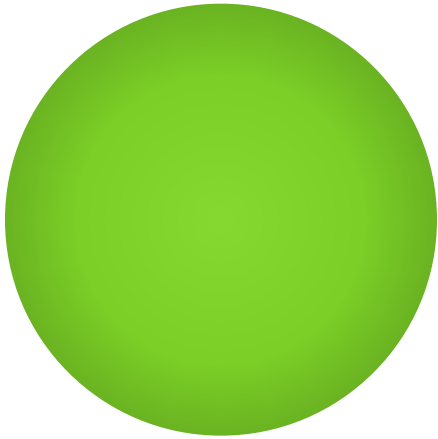
**ALLOW** 10 minutes to complete the activity.



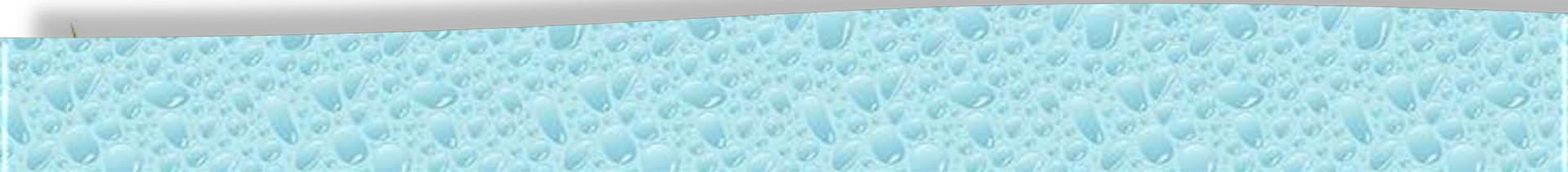
**SUMMARIZE KEY POINTS IN THE MODULE** (See objectives)

**DISTRIBUTE** feedback forms and have participants complete the evaluations for the course.

# ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!

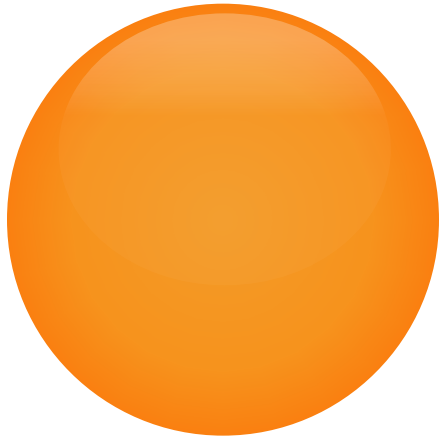


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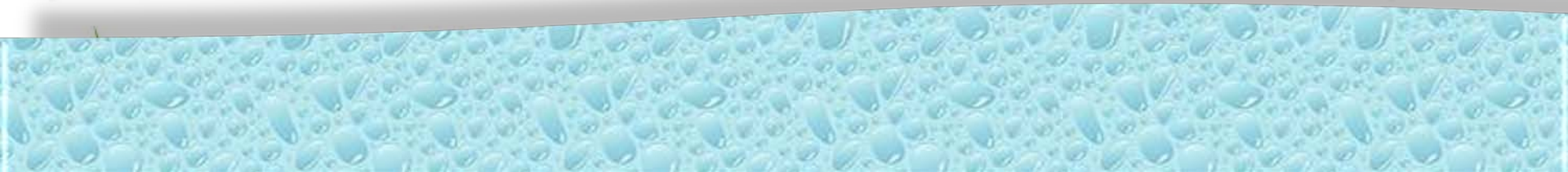




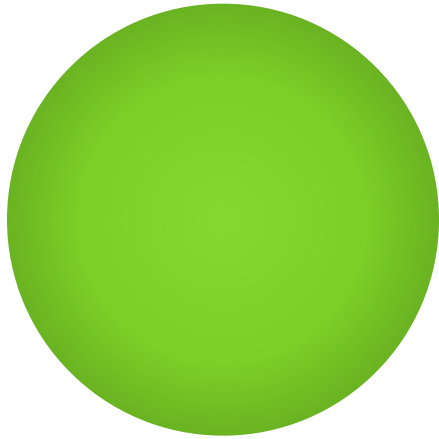
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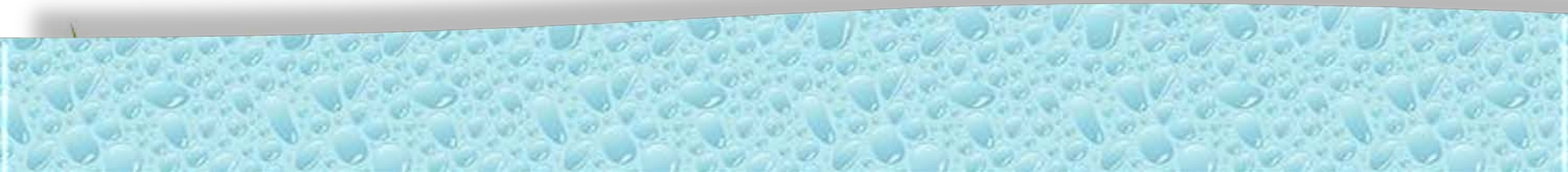
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- When you are feeling negative, how do you adjust your attitude so it is more positive?



# **“ATTITUDE VIRUS: *Curing negativity in the workplace*”**



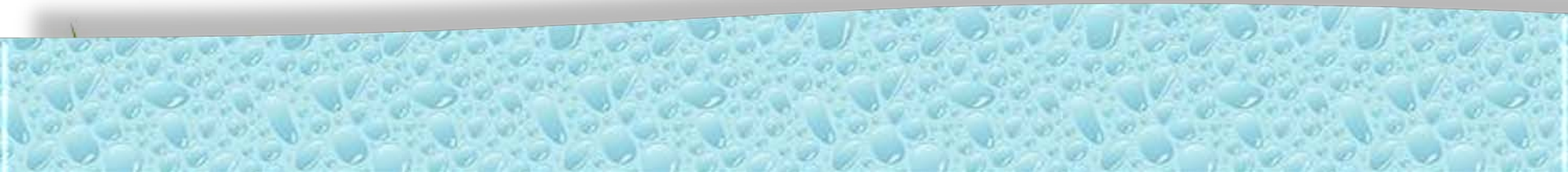
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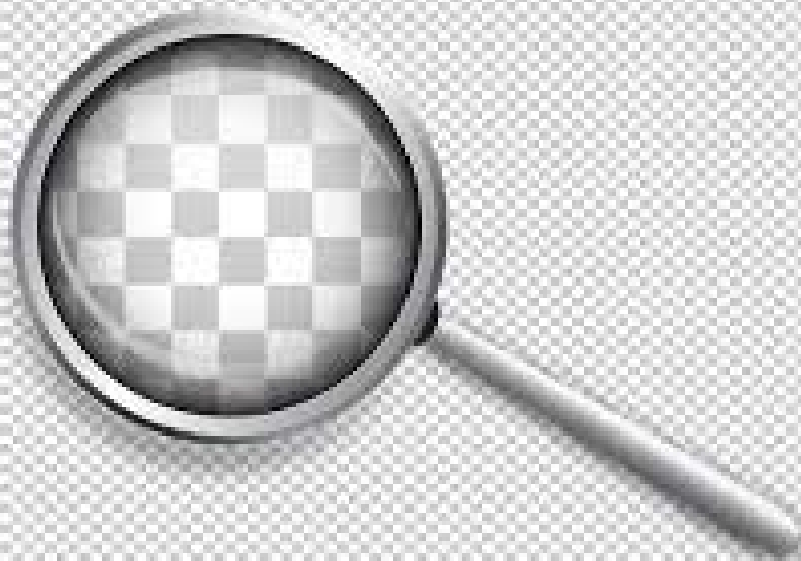


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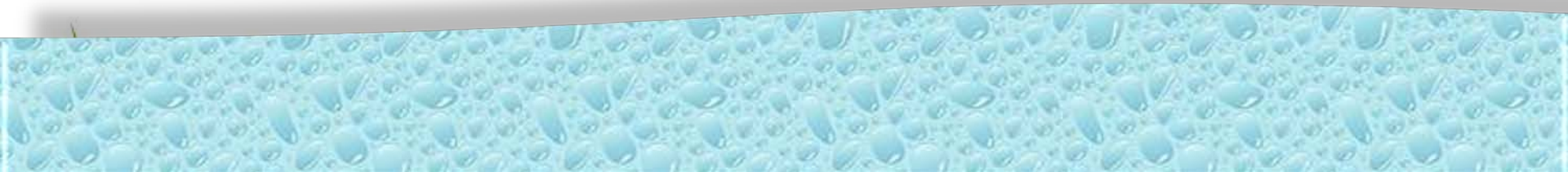
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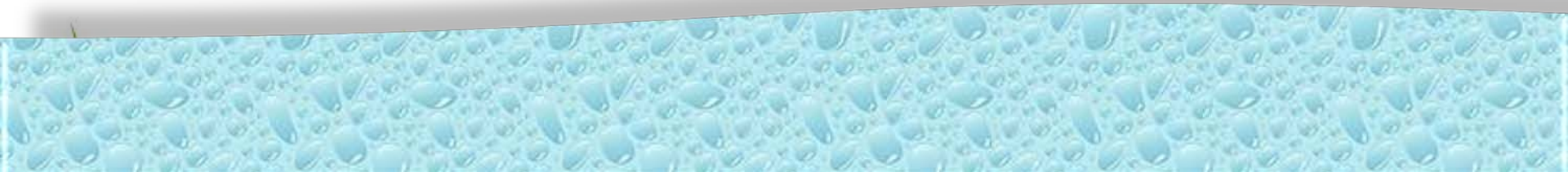
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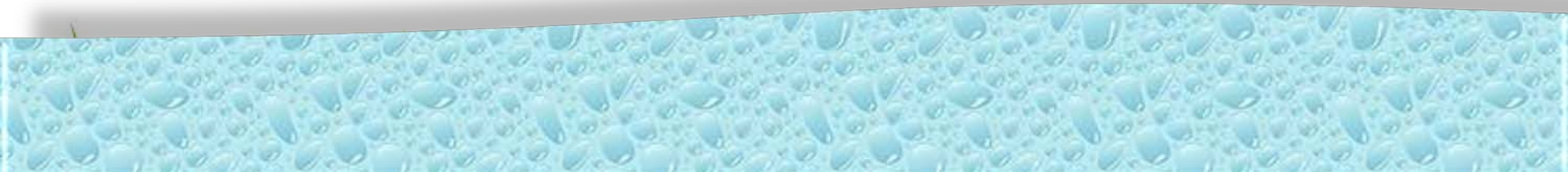
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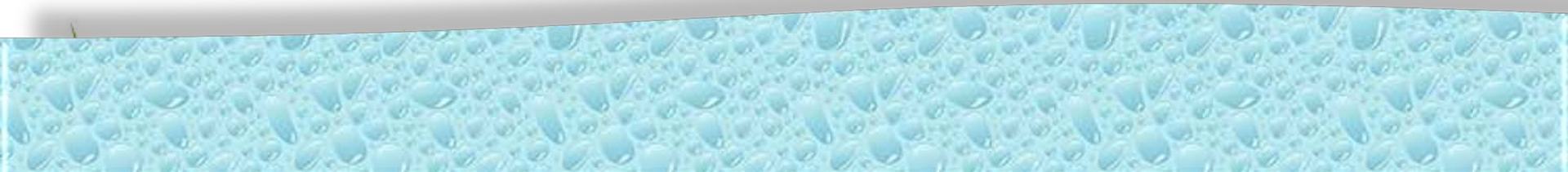




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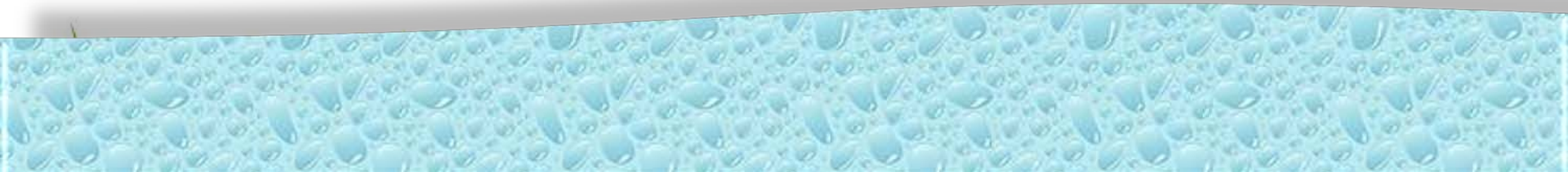
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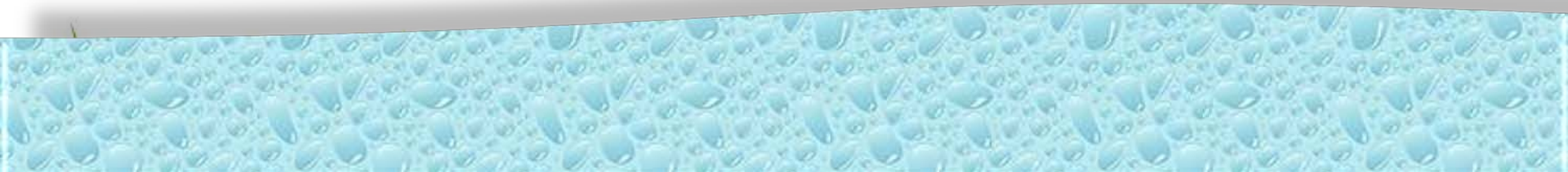
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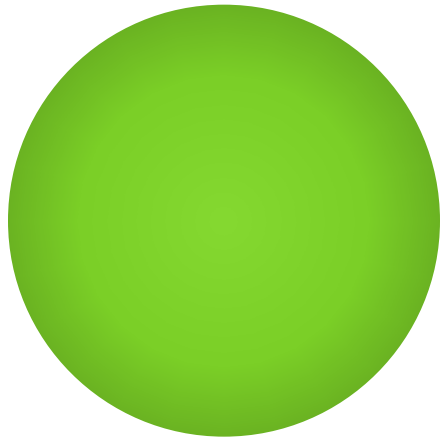
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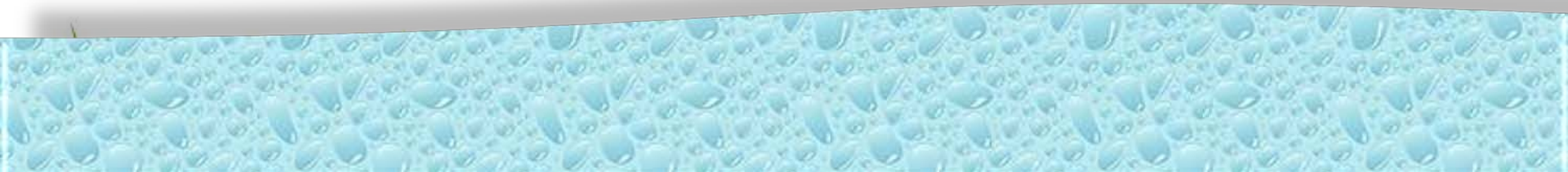
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# Thank you!

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## PERSONAL ATTITUDE ANALYSIS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please answer the following questions as accurately and completely as possible. You have 5 minutes to complete this task. When you have completed this handout, please put it where you will be able to easily refer to it.

1. Describe how you feel *mentally, physically, and emotionally* when your attitude is positive (be specific!).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe how you feel *mentally, physically, and emotionally* when your attitude is negative (be specific!).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. When you interact with a negative individual or are in a negative environment, how do you respond?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. When you are feeling negative, what techniques do you use to adjust your attitude so it is more positive?

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## ATTITUDE

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## ACTION PLAN

**Instructions:** Reflect on what you have learned about attitudes and how you are going to apply the suggested techniques to maintain a positive attitude both on and off the job. Write your action plan below.

1. The most valuable thing(s) I learned about my attitude is (are):
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In terms of maintaining a positive attitude, my strengths are:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In terms of attitude, an area I need to improve is:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. The technique I am going to use to improve my weak area is:

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### INTRODUCTION:

It’s contagious, it can spread in a matter of minutes, and before anyone realizes what’s happened, the entire workplace can be affected, But chicken soup and antibiotics won’t stop this epidemic because it isn’t a physical illness. It’s what can be call an “Attitude Virus,” a disease that causes negativity in all it touches.

An “Attitude Virus” is not just a modern affliction, but one that has been a concern for centuries. It can affect the weak or the powerful, the home or workplace, the worker or employer. Worst of all, if not discovered and eliminated quickly, the virus can spread to epidemic proportions, leading to loss of confidence, enthusiasm, creativity, and productivity. Unresolved anger about a stressful situation is often the underlying cause of a negative attitude and may cause some very real illnesses related to stress such as headaches, indigestion, high blood pressure, and insomnia.

In an organization or team, there can be various carriers of the virus, It could be a manager who’s overly critical or who lets out pressure by taking it out on employees. It could be a team member who feels their opinions aren’t being heard, or who feels like they are doing more than their share. There might be people whose negative outlooks have nothing to do with work. Problems at home or ill health can sometimes lead to unhappy feelings on the job, which can easily spread to colleagues.

**As you view the video, note the characteristics of the following types of team members:**

- The Steamer.
- The Perfectionist.
- The Resister.
- The Not-My-Job-er.
- The Rumor Monger.
- The Uncommitted.
- The Pessimist.
- What are some other types of virus carriers besides those mentioned in the video? If a co-worker is generally a grouch, how do you judge whether s/he’s harmless or a virus carrier?

Incalculable productivity is lost each year because of negative attitudes, whereas healthy attitudes are closely related to motivation, work enjoyment, and increased productivity.

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### PROMOTING A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT:

A healthy attitude is imperative for a well-functioning team or organization to achieve its goals. A positive environment can:

- Increase productivity and long-term growth.
- Improve group performance and morale.
- Improve customer satisfaction.
- Reduce grievances, accidents, absenteeism, and turnover.
- Eliminate waste and the need to redo work.
- Open up communication.
- Increase initiative, creativity, and participation in decision-making and problem-solving.

Obviously, it makes good sense to vaccinate a workplace against the Attitude Virus. The following steps could prevent negativity from taking over your team and/or organization.

1. Recognize that there is an attitude problem.
  - *What attitude are you projecting?*
  - *How do your team members react to your comments or assignments?*
  - *Which members of your team seem to have trouble working with you or with each other?*
2. Take responsibility for your own attitude, and help team members take responsibility for theirs.
  - *Discuss the problem in private.*
  - *Begin by giving positive feedback.*
  - *Handle emotionally charged subjects with sensitivity.*
  - *Focus on performance, not personality.*
3. Focus on behavior, not personality.
4. Acknowledge any underlying causes for a negative attitude, and clarify issues that might lead to conflict between personal goals and team goals.

*Once responsibility for a poor attitude is acknowledged, it's possible to look at some of the reasons behind it. Sometimes it can be stress from outside the workplace that's beginning to take its toll. Family problems, debts or illness can often lead to unresolved anger that is submerged, but not fully put aside on the job. Sometimes the underlying cause is work-related. In this case, it might be necessary for the manager to help the team member clarify his/her needs and how they coincide with the team's goals.*

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**PROMOTING A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT** (*continued*):

5. Address the situations that cause stress.

*Once the underlying causes of a team member’s anger are understood, work together towards a solution that will prevent future attacks of negativity and make them a more productive member of the team.*

6. Replace negative, ineffective reactions with new, more adaptable responses, then **practice** using the new responses.

*In order to attack negativity, it’s important to keep the recovering “grumbler” focused on her/his priorities. That may require modifying goals together and working out new strategies with the rest of the team.*

*Although it may seem artificial, rehearsing positive responses with a non-judgmental coach can be a useful way to modify unproductive behavior.*

7. Monitor the team member’s progress and follow through to ensure lasting improvement.

*Give positive reinforcement. Encourage efforts when the team member uses a new positive approach. To prevent a relapse, lines of communication must stay open and be fortified by continuous support from colleagues.*

8. Infect team members with a good attitude.

*Look at your own behavior. Are you providing a good example of how you expect your fellow team members to act? Positive attitudes can spread as rapidly as negative ones. By being a model of positive behavior, you’re also acting as a vaccine against the Attitude Virus.*

*Negative attitudes can disrupt an entire organization, causing critical drops in morale and productivity. Reassigning or terminating troublesome employees is an expensive solution that could lead to additional complications. The most effective treatment of the Attitude Virus is isolating it and taking preventative action before it spreads. And, of course, there’s nothing like a little compassion and care from others to help an afflicted colleague make a full recovery.*

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

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2. What are some situations at work that might cause a bad attitude?
3. Have you ever seen an “Attitude Virus” spread from person to person in your home or workplace? Describe the chain of contact.
4. How do you usually deal with a negative colleague? — with humor, anger, reason, the cold shoulder?

Which way do you think is more effective?

5. When you’re under stress, how does it affect your attitude at work and your relationship with your co-workers?
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7. What are some ways a negative attitude could hurt a team’s goals?
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How can you avoid transmitting any negative feelings to others?

9. What role should a team leader play when a team member is being unproductive or uncooperative?

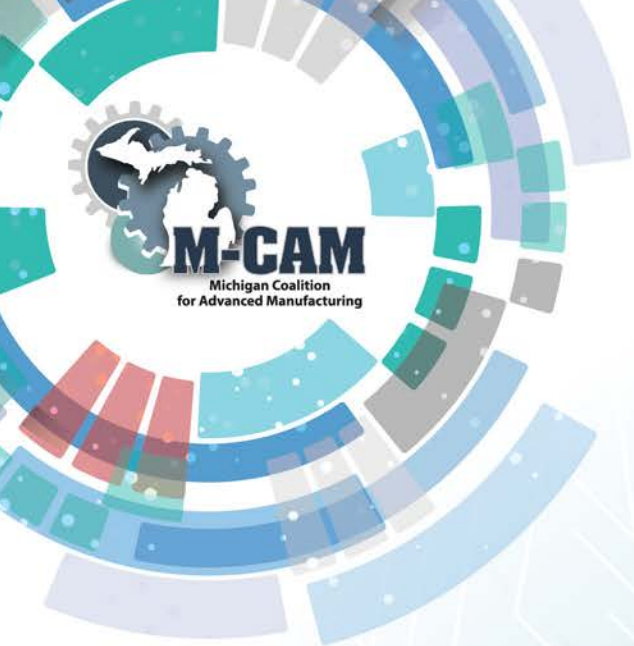
What is the role of the fellow team members?

10. Other than constantly saying what a good job they’re doing, what are some ways to encourage team members who are recovering from the Attitude Virus?

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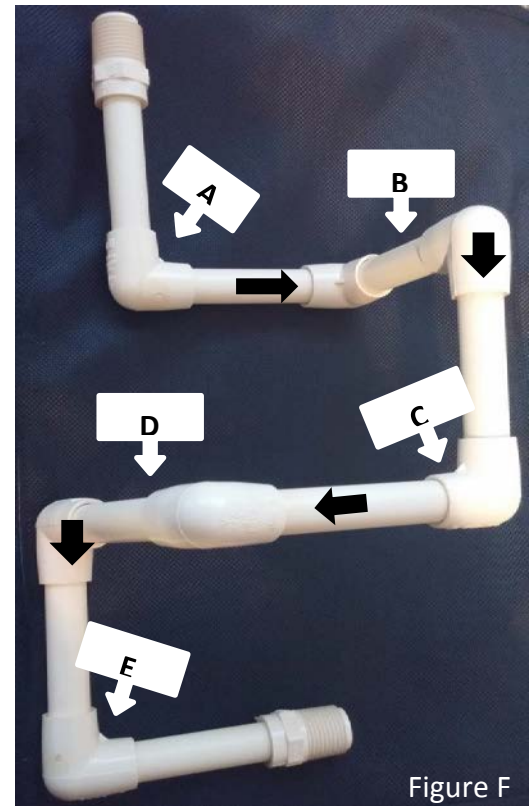


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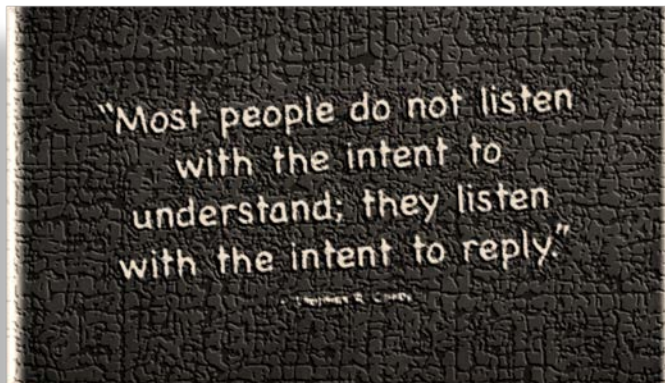
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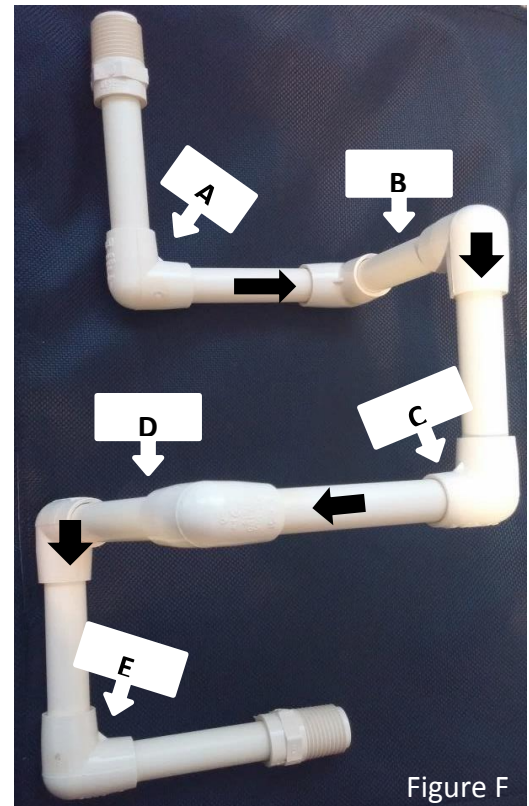


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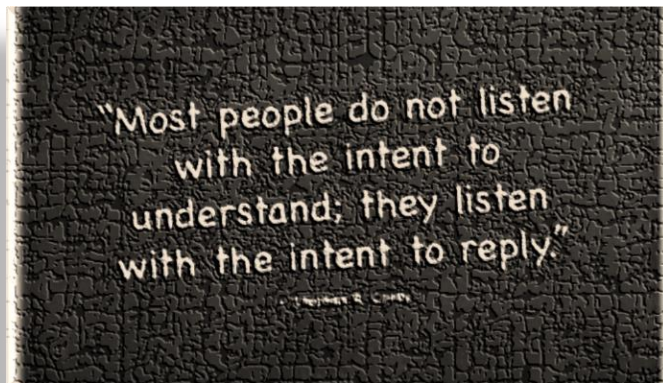
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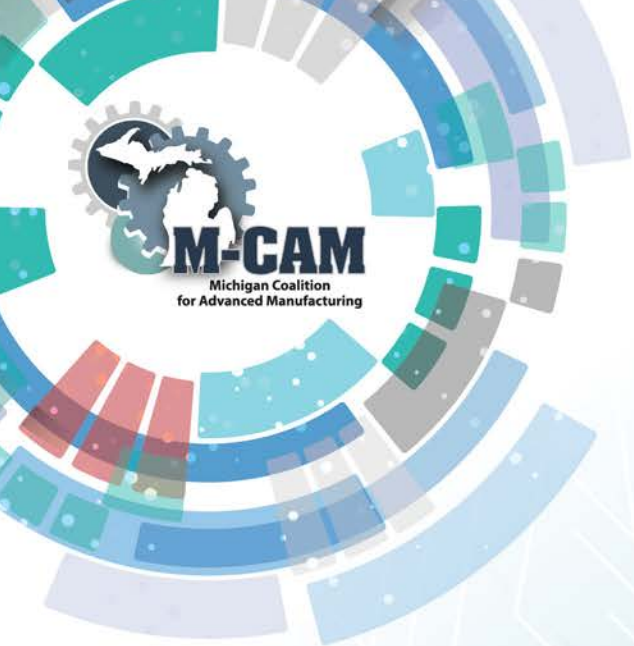
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## **Module 2: “Waterworks Design Solutions”**

**Simulation Activity  
(2.5 hours\*)**

*With a focus on a simulated team building activity that challenges participants to solve a problem, both individually and in a group, this module emphasizes the importance of teamwork. It includes a hands-on component of having to build and redesign a mock product.*

*Participating in the activity develops supervisory and team building skills including problem solving, goal setting, communication, and brainstorming.*

*\* Can be expanded up to 4 hours.*

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# ***Waterworks Design Solutions***

## **Team Build Module and Simulation Activity**

Business & Community Institute  
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### **Leader Guide**

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## Module Objectives

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- Experience how working as a team can be more effective than working individually.
- Use learning techniques such as discovery and sensory input to accelerate learning, and reflective discussion to reinforce the benefits and importance of working as a team.
- Apply the concepts of effective communication, including listening, giving feedback and avoiding roadblocks, while working with each other to design a product.
- Build knowledge in the following areas of teamwork: what makes a successful team, problem solving, and consensus building.

## Methodology

- A simulation team building activity that challenges participants to solve a problem, both individually and then in a group, teaches the importance of teamwork in many ways. When you add in the hands-on component of having to build and redesign a mock product, the activity is even more effective.
- When this type of simulation is used participants are engaged in the hands-on nature of the activity. Participating in the activity develops supervisory and team build skills including, problem solving, goal setting, communication, brainstorming etc.
- This team build module can be used stand-alone or as part of a larger team build skills course that would combine with additional modules that can be developed for a more complete team/leadership communication offering.

## **“To Do” List Preparation for Facilitation**

### ***Gather the following Materials:***

- ✓ Participant Handouts
- ✓ Waterworks Design Solutions Simulation Materials: Straight tubes, bended fitting and end pieces.
- ✓ Flip Charts
- ✓ PowerPoint Slides and Projection
- ✓ Time Keeping Device with Alarm

### ***Prepare the following before the day of the module:***

- ✓ Study Leader Guide and customize timing for classroom needs
- ✓ Look over participant handouts and copy to be distributed
- ✓ View PowerPoint and customize for classroom needs
- ✓ Make Flip Charts with the following headings: “Team”

“ +/- ” (with columns)

“Your Expectations”

### ***Prepare the following the day of the module:***

- ✓ Room Arrangements – Ideally, tables are arranged for groups of 4
- ✓ Place your Waterworks Design Solutions materials around the training room
- ✓ Hang or place Flip Charts

**Team Build Module  
and Simulation Activity  
2.5 Hours (Can be extended to 4 hours  
with optional activities)**

**INSTRUCTIONAL  
COMPONENTS, ESTIMATED  
TIMES, and MEDIA CUES**

**PROCEDURES AND CONTENT  
TRAINER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

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**PART 1: INTRODUCTION/  
OBJECTIVES/ACTIVITY RD. 1 –  
60 Min.(Duration)**

WELCOME –(00:00 HRS/MIN. STARTING POINT)

PPT

(PPT slide 1 – “Welcome”)

**WELCOME** participants to the “Waterworks Design Solutions” Team Build Module.

**SAY** “Today we will be learning skills that are valuable for the workplace and life in general. We will also practice those skills in a hands-on activity”

INTRODUCTION – (10 MIN.)

**INTRODUCE** yourself

**SAY** how long you have been training and a few facts about yourself

**PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTION &  
ADVANCE ORGANIZER – (10 MIN.)**  
(00:10 minutes into module)

PPT

(PPT slide 2 – Introductions)

**ASK** students to share their name, position in the company or title, describe the work they do and (to open up the topic) introduce the concept of “Teamwork” by asking the advance organizer question:



**ASK:** “What do you think of when you hear the word “team”.

FLIP CHART

(**FLIP CHART** – “Team”)

**RECORD** participant answers on the flip chart  
**DEBRIEF** participant answers. **NOTE** that participant answers may be positive or negative and include examples such as “*Hassle, Work, Collaboration, Cooperation, etc.*”

INTRODUCTION OF THE TOPIC  
AND DISCUSSION – (10 min.)  
(00:20 minutes into module)

PPT

(**PPT** slide 3 – “Pros and Cons”)

**CONDUCT** the following discussion to help participants dive further into their observations of team work.

**ASK** participants:

1. What are some positive outcomes of working in a team?
2. What are some less productive outcomes of working in a team?

FLIP CHART

(**FLIP CHART** – “+/-”)

**RECORD** participant answers on the flip chart divided with a plus/positive (+ ) and minus/negative sign (-). Write answers to question number 1 under the plus/positive sign and answers to question number 2 under the minus/negative side.

PPT

**ASK** participants:

(**PPT** slide 4 – “Question”)

1. Why do you think more companies are moving toward work teams?

OBJECTIVES OVERVIEW – (5 min.)  
(00:30 min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 5 – “Objectives”)

**TRANSITION** into discussion on the objectives. Share the purpose of the module by walking participants through the objectives

**SAY:** “Now that you have identified the benefits and possible challenges of team work and WHY companies are moving more toward teams, let’s take a look at our goals for today.

HO

(HO page 1 – “Objectives/Agenda”)

**GIVE** participants the Objectives/Agenda Handout packet. **ASK** them to review the objectives and instruct them to take notes on an additional expectations they may have.

*Objectives:*

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**DISCUSS** the objectives and **ASK** participants what additional expectations or even concerns they might want to add.

FLIP CHART

(**FLIP CHART** – “Your Expectations”)

**RECORD** participant expectations.

**TRANSITION/SAY:** “We will revisit these objectives and expectations at the end of this session.”

PPT

(**PPT** slide 6 – “Agenda”)

AGENDA – (5MIN.)  
(00:35 MIN. IN)

**PRESENT** the agenda as listed on the “Objectives/Agenda” Handout

**ASK:** “What questions do you have for me at this point?”

**TRANSITION/SAY:** “Now that we have talked a little about teams and reviewed our objectives for the session, let’s jump into our hands-on activity.”

TRANSITION TO ACTIVITY ROUND 1

**TRANSITION/SAY:** “Today we are going to put your communication skills team building knowledge to the test with a simulation”.

PPT

(**PPT** slide 7– “Waterworks”)

**SIMULATION ACTIVITY**  
**ROUND 1 – 15 min.**

ACTIVITY-SET-UP – (5 min.)  
(00:40 min. in)

**INTRODUCE** the activity by explaining that the participants will be taking on the role of a budding entrepreneur in the plumbing industry.

**EXPLAIN** that they have recently purchased the Waterworks Design Solutions plumbing company and will be expected to master the assembly process of the company’s number one plumbing product.

**SHOW** participants the fixture that you have already assembled. And the “wall beam” that it is made to fit around.

**SAY:** “This is the product you will be assembling. It is a pipe fixture that is made to fit specifically around this wall beam. It has a very detailed production process that is laid out in your handouts. As you are a new owner of the company you don’t want to change too much too fast so you decide to follow the old production process to a T!

HO

(HO – “Simulation: Waterworks Design Solutions”)

**GIVE** participants the simulation handout packet and **DIRECT** them to the first page.

**SAY:** “Page 2 of your packet gives you an introduction to the process and shows the individual pieces. Page 3 includes a picture of your finished fixture, including the beam it must fit around and the “in” and “out” points where it must start and Pages 4 and 5 lay out the detailed production process

**TELL** participants to read these pages and **ASK** what questions they have.

**REMIND** participants that it is **vital** that the instructions are followed directly.

**TELL** them to complete each part of the assembly process before moving on.

**PLACE** your arm or a sample beam in your sample fixture and **TELL** participants they should test their fixture by making sure it will fit around the beam (they can use their arm) and has the same “in” and “out” points as the picture.

**DESCRIBE** that this is the first of 3 timed rounds during the simulation and that you will explain them as they go and keep time.

PPT  
ACTIVITY ROUND 1 – (15 min.)  
(00:45 min. in)

(PPT slide 8– “Waterworks Round 1”)

**GIVE** instructions for the first round:

**SAY:** “You will have 5 minutes in this round to work individually to assemble the fixtures.

**TELL** Participants where you have placed the parts around the room. **REMIND** them to work individually at a quick pace and to follow instructions exactly.

**ASK** what questions participants might have.

**INSTRUCT** participants to turn to the assembly process in their handouts as a guide and to **BEGIN** the assembly.

**START** your timer, which is set for 5 minutes.

**OBSERVE** how individuals either do or do not follow the assembly process. Also observe different reactions and comments.

**CIRCULATE** around the room to answer questions but don’t correct if someone is not using the correct process.

**STOP** the participants after 5 minutes have gone by.

HO

(**HO** page 5– “Simulation: Waterworks Design Solutions”)

**INSTRUCT** participants to write down how many fixtures they have completed on page 5 of their handouts and then to **disassemble their fixtures, return the parts to their containers.**

**SHARE** instructor observations and

**DEBRIEF** round 1 of the activity with the following questions:

- What observations do you have about the current assembly process?
- How do you feel as the new owner of the Waterworks Design solutions company?

**TRANSITION/SAY:** “Later on we will give you a chance to address some of those issues but first, we are going to take a look at some of the Communication and team building skills we will be using for the next two rounds of our activity.

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**PART 2: COMMUNICATION &  
TEAMBUILDING SKILLS  
LECTURETTE – (40 MIN.)  
(01:00 HRS./MIN. IN)**

PPT

(**PPT** slide 9 – “Communication and Teambuilding Overview”)

**EXPLAIN/SAY:** “The following overview is an accelerated look at basic communication and team principles to keep in mind during the simulation activity in the module.

**TELL** participants that the following lesson is not meant to be an extensive study on communication and teambuilding but a quick review/overview that will aide them and give them skills to observe in the simulation activity to come

PPT	(PPT slide 10 – “Communication Definition”)
COMMUNICATION DISCUSSION (5 min.) (01:00 hrs/min. in)	<p><b>ASK:</b> “What is Communication?”</p> <p><b>EXPLAIN</b> that Communication is the exchange of information through listening, speaking, reading and writing.</p>
PPT	(PPT slide 11 – “Communication Involves”)
	<p><b>SAY</b> “Communication involves a sender, a medium and a receiver. Miscommunication occurs when the message the sender tries to communicate is not what is heard.”</p>
PPT	(PPT slide 12 – “Costs of Miscommunication”)
	<p><b>ASK:</b> “What do you think is the cost to a team who is experiencing miscommunication?”</p> <p><b>LISTEN/RESPOND</b> to participant answers. <i>Possible answers –lost time, materials, affect quality, leave customers dissatisfied, cause tension between workers, misunderstood instructions, not paying attention –i.e. safety instructions</i></p>
LISTENING DISCUSSION (10 min.) (01:05 hrs./min. in)	
PPT	(PPT slide 13– “Question”)
	<p><b>ASK:</b> “How many of you would say you are good communicators? Why or why no??</p> <p><b>LISTEN/RESPOND</b> to participant answers.</p> <p><b>POINT OUT</b> that communication involves more than just talking.</p>

**ASK:** “How is hearing different from listening?”

**EXPLAIN** that listening is hearing and understanding. Active listening is the skill of paying attention and interacting with a speaker.

PPT

(**REVEAL LIST PPT** slide 14 – “Comm. Is”)

HO

(**HO** page 6 – “Communicating Effectively”)

**LIST** the following components of active or effective listening:

- Think about the purpose of the message,
- Eye contact
- Nod to show understanding

PPT

(**REVEAL LIST PPT** slide 15 – “Comm. Is”)

- Ask questions
- Take notes
- Restate what was said in your own words.
- Remain alert

PPT

(**REVEAL LIST PPT** slide 16 – “Comm. Is”)

- Ask open ended questions.
- Remain sensitive to speaker’s perspective.
- Be patient!

**POINT OUT** that along with **effective listening**, good listening involves conveying your understanding of the message to the sender. This does not mean that you should repeat word-for-word the message that the sender relayed to you. Instead, you should in your own words convey your understanding of the message.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

(**OPT. ACTIVITY:** Effective Listening Practice)

**ASK** participants to model effective listening skills using a example situation such as “tell me about your favorite vacation?”

**DEBRIEF** activity



## COMMUNICATION ROAD BLOCKS

(5 min.)

(01:15 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 17 – “Roadblocks to Comm.”)

**ASK:** “What are some that obstacles hinder good communication?”

**EXPLAIN** that common obstacles include the following:

- **Differences in employee background** - To avoid confusing your team and to gain their trust, take the time to understand different member’s backgrounds.
- **Excessive information**-- To deal with information overload, screen and organize the information before sending it to your team.
- **Interference**, or any external distraction that distorts or blocks a message. Interference includes excessive background noise, unexpected, non work-related phone calls, and malfunctioning equipment --eliminate the source of interference or maintain awareness of the interference so you can plan to block it out.
- **Inaccurate assumptions.** If perception of a message is founded in an assumption and its incorrect communication does not happen --  
--To ensure that your team makes accurate assumptions regarding your message, be straightforward and concise when you send messages.
- **"Shoot the messenger"** syndrome---Be aware of this human tendency to blame the messenger to ensure that you do not harbor ill feelings toward a team member unnecessarily

**ASK:** “What questions do you have about the communication skills we just discussed?”

SUCCESSFUL TEAMS – (10 min.)  
(01:20 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 18 – “Successful Teams Have”)

HO

(HO page 7 – “Recipe Successful teams”)

**REVIEW/SAY:** “Earlier we came up with a list of the pros and cons of teamwork and discussed why so many employers are using teams. We will now look at what makes a good team. What characteristics do they have?”

**PRESENT** the characteristics of a successful team listed on **PPT** slide number 18 & 19.

- Clarity in Team Goals
- Improvement Plan
- Clearly Defined Roles
- Clear Communication

PPT

(PPT slide 18 – “Successful Teams Have”)

- Beneficial Behavior
- Well-Defined Decision Procedures
- Balanced Participation
- Establish Ground Rules
- Group Process

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

(**OPT. ACTIVITY:** Successful Teams Group Teachback)

**ASSIGN** one of the team characteristics to participants working in a group with 1-2 others. Have groups describe what they think their assigned characteristic looks like in a small groups and how it contributes to the small group’s success.

**HAVE GROUPS RECORD** on flip chart paper.

**HAVE GROUPS PRESENT** their findings and **LISTEN AND RESPOND.**

SOLVING PROBLEMS/  
BRAINSTORMING – (5 min.)  
(01:30 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 20 – “Team Problem Solving”)

**SAY:** “Sometimes teams are asked to solve a problem and sometimes that is why they are formed. Here are six steps teams can use to solve problems”

**PRESENT** the six steps to problem solving on power point slide 10.

1. Analyze the Problem-why is the problem happening? Cause? May need to look at data, interview and observe people
2. Generate Solutions- Can use Brainstorming to come up with a list of solutions.
3. Choose the Best Solution – Team evaluates strength and weakness of all solutions and which one meets the criteria or list of standards then chooses.
4. Implement the Solution – Putting the idea into action. My need to break down into steps with a schedule
5. Monitor Progress –Team should meet regularly for constant review and evaluation. Team may set interim goals that help measure progress
6. Evaluate the Outcome- Team asks did we meet our goals? Did we meet our deadline? What did we learn? What other improvements can be made?

BUILDING CONSENSUS (5 min.)

(01:35 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 21– “Building Consensus”)

**ASK/SAY:** “How many of you are good at making decision? Now imagine trying to make a group decision. There are several ways a team can make decisions. The leader can decide, or team can vote but coming to a Consensus is the best way to help all team members feel that their concerns were addressed. **Consensus** – Is an agreement arrived at by the people directly involved. When a decision is made by consensus, team members accept the decision.

PPT

(PPT slide 22– “Building Consensus”)

**PRESENT Conditions for Consensus Seeking:**

**Common Goal:** Everyone in the group needs to share a clear common goal and be willing to work together towards it.

**Commitment to reaching consensus:** Everyone needs to be willing to really give it a go. This means being deeply honest about what it is you want or don't want, and properly listening to what others have to say. Everyone must be willing to shift their positions, to be open to alternative solutions and be able to reassess their needs.

**Trust and openness:** We need to be able to trust that everyone shares our commitment to consensus and that everyone respects our opinions and equal rights

**Sufficient time** for making decisions and for learning to work by consensus.

**Clear Process:** It's essential to have a clear process for making decisions and to make sure that everyone has a shared understanding of how it works.

**Active participation:** In consensus we all need to actively participate

### **Basic Guidelines for Consensual Decision Making:**

1. Avoid blindly arguing for your own individual judgments. Present your position as clearly and logically as possible, but listen to other members' reactions and consider them carefully before you present your point.
2. Avoid changing your mind *ONLY* to reach agreement and avoid conflict. Support only solutions with which you are, at least, *somewhat able to agree*. Yield only to opinions that have objective and logically sound foundations.
3. Avoid "conflict-reducing" procedures such as majority vote, tossing a coin, averaging, or bargaining in reaching decisions.
4. Seek out differences of opinion. They are natural and expected. Try to involve everyone in the decision process. Disagreements can help the group's decision because they present a wide range of information and opinions, thereby creating a better chance for the group to hit upon more adequate solutions.
5. Do not assume that someone must win and someone must lose when the discussion reaches a stalemate. Instead, look for the next most acceptable alternative for all members.
6. Discuss the underlying assumptions, listen carefully to one another, and encourage the participation of all members.

### **TRANSITION TO PART 3**

**TRANSITION/SAY:** "We are now going to put all of your communication skills team building knowledge to the test with a simulation. This activity will show you how working in a team can be more effective than working individually and will help you observe how you and your classmates use different teambuilding skills".

## PART 3: SIMULATION ACTIVITY

### ROUNDS 2 & 3

#### APPLICATION – 40 min.

(01:40 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 23– “Waterworks Rounds 2 & 3”)

**INTRODUCE/SAY:** “As we move on to round 2 of the activity we are going to give you a chance to address some of the issues you may have had in round 1 of the simulation and make some changes.

#### ACTIVITY ROUND 2 (20 min.)

(01:40 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 24 & 25 – “Waterworks Round 1 and 1 & 2”)

HO

(HO page 8– “Simulation: Waterworks Design Solutions”)

**DIRECT** participants to record some of their ideas for improvement to the assembly process and/or the fixture on page 5 in their handout packet.

**GIVE** participants 3 minutes to do this.

**STOP** participants after 3 minutes and **TELL** them as the new owner of Waterworks Design Solutions they have decided to improve on their top selling fixture and have called in a team of experts to help. **TELL** them their main goals in this redesign process is to improve quality and efficiency and cut costs.

PPT

(PPT REVEAL slide 25–“Waterworks Round 2”)

**GROUP** participants into teams of four if not previously grouped

**INSTRUCT** them to share their ideas for improvement that they have just recorded.

Each person will have 1-2 minutes to share their ideas and each person in the group must share, but they need to wait to discuss the ideas.

**DIRECT** them to record the groups ideas in their Waterworks Design Solutions handouts.

**REMIND** participants that this is a great time to practice their communication and teambuilding skills!

**START** the small group sharing process.

**GIVE** groups 2 minutes per person and let them know when there are 2 minutes remaining.

**OBSERVE** any communication and teambuilding skills the groups are using during this and the following discussions.

PPT

**(PPT REVEAL** slide 25–“Waterworks Round 2”)

**STOP** group sharing after the allotted time.

**TELL** them that they now have 5 minutes to discuss each other’s ideas, and chose which ideas to implement in redesigning the process.

**TELL** them that they should record their final improvement plan on page 5 in their handout packet.

**START** the group discussion and decision time.

ACTIVITY ROUND 3 (5 min.)  
(02:00 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 26– “Waterworks Round 3”)

**STOP** the group discussion after 5 minutes and tell them they will now have 5 minutes to implement their improvement plan as they work as a group to build as many fixtures as they can.

**ASK** what questions the groups might have and then **START** the 5 minute group assembly process. **OBSERVE** what improvements were made by each team.

**STOP** the groups after 5 minutes and **INSTRUCT** them to count how many completed fixtures their groups produced.

**TELL** participants to disassemble the fixtures and put the pieces back in the appropriate areas.

ACTIVITY DEBRIEF (15 min.)  
(02:05 hrs./min. in)

HO

(HO page 9 – “Reflection Questions”)

PPT

(PPT slide 27 – “Questions”)

**INSTRUCT** participants to look over the following questions in their Waterworks Design Handout packets and then **DEBRIEF** the activity by discussing their answers



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And how did those improvements affect your overall production?
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HO

(HO page 6 & 7 – “Communicating Effectively & Successful teams”)

**INSTRUCT** participants to refer back to their communication and team building skills handouts. Have them mark which skills they used or observed in their teams.

PPT

(PPT slide 28 – “What have you learned?”)

**ASK** participants to answer the question. “What have you learned from today’s session that you can apply to your current workplace environment?”

**ASK** participants to share which skills they used in their group and then to share any answers to the final application question.

TRANSITION

**SAY:** “I want to compliment you on a job well done and I hope have seen you can accomplish great things working as a team. Let’s take a look at our Objectives quickly to see all of the goals we have accomplished in this session.

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**PART 4: SESSION OBJECTIVES**

**REVIEW AND CLOSE (10 min.)**

(02:20 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 29 – “Objectives”)

**REVIEW** Objectives with participants and **EVALUATE** if they were well covered during the session.

**SUMMARIZE** the workshop.

**ADMINISTER** the evaluation process.

PPT

(PPT slide 30 – “Thank You!”)

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- Apply the concepts of effective communication, including listening, giving feedback and avoiding roadblocks, while working with each other to design a product.
- Build knowledge in the following areas of teamwork: what makes a successful team, problem solving, and consensus building.

## Methodology

- A simulation team building activity that challenges participants to solve a problem, both individually and then in a group, teaches the importance of teamwork in many ways. When you add in the hands-on component of having to build and redesign a mock product, the activity is even more effective.
- When this type of simulation is used participants are engaged in the hands-on nature of the activity. Participating in the activity develops supervisory and team build skills including, problem solving, goal setting, communication, brainstorming etc.
- This team build module can be used stand-alone or as part of a larger team build skills course that would combine with additional modules that can be developed for a more complete team/leadership communication offering.

## **“To Do” List Preparation for Facilitation**

### ***Gather the following Materials:***

- ✓ Participant Handouts
- ✓ Waterworks Design Solutions Simulation Materials: Straight tubes, bended fitting and end pieces.
- ✓ Flip Charts
- ✓ PowerPoint Slides and Projection
- ✓ Time Keeping Device with Alarm

### ***Prepare the following before the day of the module:***

- ✓ Study Leader Guide and customize timing for classroom needs
- ✓ Look over participant handouts and copy to be distributed
- ✓ View PowerPoint and customize for classroom needs
- ✓ Make Flip Charts with the following headings: “Team”

“ +/- “ (with columns)

“Your Expectations”

### ***Prepare the following the day of the module:***

- ✓ Room Arrangements – Ideally, tables are arranged for groups of 4
- ✓ Place your Waterworks Design Solutions materials around the training room
- ✓ Hang or place Flip Charts

**Team Build Module  
and Simulation Activity**  
**2.5 Hours (Can be extended to 4 hours  
with optional activities)**

**INSTRUCTIONAL  
COMPONENTS, ESTIMATED  
TIMES, and MEDIA CUES**

**PROCEDURES AND CONTENT  
TRAINER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

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**PART 1: INTRODUCTION/  
OBJECTIVES/ACTIVITY RD. 1 –  
60 Min.(Duration)**

WELCOME –(00:00 HRS/MIN. STARTING POINT)

PPT

(PPT slide 1 – “Welcome”)

**WELCOME** participants to the “Waterworks  
Design Solutions” Team Build Module.

**SAY** “Today we will be learning skills that are  
valuable for the workplace and life in general. We  
will also practice those skills in a hands-on activity”

INTRODUCTION – (10 MIN.)

**INTRODUCE** yourself

**SAY** how long you have been training and a few  
facts about yourself

PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTION &  
ADVANCE ORGANIZER – (10 MIN.)  
(00:10 minutes into module)  
PPT

(PPT slide 2 – Introductions)

**ASK** students to share their name, position in the  
company or title, describe the work they do  
and (to open up the topic) introduce the concept of  
“Teamwork” by asking the advance organizer  
question:

**ASK:** “What do you think of when you hear the  
word “team”.

FLIP CHART

(**FLIP CHART** – “Team”)

**RECORD** participant answers on the flip chart  
**DEBRIEF** participant answers. **NOTE** that participant answers may be positive or negative and include examples such as “*Hassle, Work, Collaboration, Cooperation, etc.*”

INTRODUCTION OF THE TOPIC  
AND DISCUSSION – (10 min.)  
(00:20 minutes into module)

PPT

(**PPT** slide 3 – “Pros and Cons”)

**CONDUCT** the following discussion to help participants dive further into their observations of team work.

**ASK** participants:

1. What are some positive outcomes of working in a team?
2. What are some less productive outcomes of working in a team?

FLIP CHART

(**FLIP CHART** – “+/-”)

**RECORD** participant answers on the flip chart divided with a plus/positive (+ ) and minus/negative sign (-). Write answers to question number 1 under the plus/positive sign and answers to question number 2 under the minus/negative side.

PPT

**ASK** participants:

(**PPT** slide 4 – “Question”)

1. Why do you think more companies are moving toward work teams?



OBJECTIVES OVERVIEW – (5 min.)  
(00:30 min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 5 – “Objectives”)

**TRANSITION** into discussion on the objectives. Share the purpose of the module by walking participants through the objectives

**SAY:** “Now that you have identified the benefits and possible challenges of team work and **WHY** companies are moving more toward teams, let’s take a look at our goals for today.

HO

(HO page 1 – “Objectives/Agenda”)

**GIVE** participants the Objectives/Agenda Handout packet. **ASK** them to review the objectives and instruct them to take notes on an additional expectations they may have.

*Objectives:*

- *Experience how working as a team can be more effective than working individually.*
- *Use learning techniques such as discovery and sensory input to accelerate learning, and reflective discussion to reinforce the benefits and importance of working as a team.*
- *Apply the concepts of effective communication, including listening, giving feedback and avoiding roadblocks, while working with each other to design a product.*
- *Build knowledge in the following areas of teamwork: what makes a successful team, problem solving, and consensus building.*

**DISCUSS** the objectives and **ASK** participants what additional expectations or even concerns they might want to add.

FLIP CHART

(**FLIP CHART** – “Your Expectations”)

**RECORD** participant expectations.

**TRANSITION/SAY:** “We will revisit these objectives and expectations at the end of this session.”

PPT

(**PPT** slide 6 – “Agenda”)

AGENDA – (5MIN.)  
(00:35 MIN. IN)

**PRESENT** the agenda as listed on the “Objectives/Agenda” Handout

**ASK:** “What questions do you have for me at this point?”

**TRANSITION/SAY:** “Now that we have talked a little about teams and reviewed our objectives for the session, let’s jump into our hands-on activity.”

TRANSITION TO ACTIVITY ROUND 1

**TRANSITION/SAY:** “Today we are going to put your communication skills team building knowledge to the test with a simulation”.

PPT

(**PPT** slide 7– “Waterworks”)

**SIMULATION ACTIVITY**  
**ROUND 1 – 15 min.**

ACTIVITY-SET-UP – (5 min.)  
(00:40 min. in)

**INTRODUCE** the activity by explaining that the participants will be taking on the role of a budding entrepreneur in the plumbing industry.

**EXPLAIN** that they have recently purchased the Waterworks Design Solutions plumbing company and will be expected to master the assembly process of the company's number one plumbing product.

**SHOW** participants the fixture that you have already assembled. And the "wall beam" that it is made to fit around.

**SAY:** "This is the product you will be assembling. It is a pipe fixture that is made to fit specifically around this wall beam. It has a very detailed production process that is laid out in your handouts. As you are a new owner of the company you don't want to change too much too fast so you decide to follow the old production process to a T!"

HO

(**HO** – "Simulation: Waterworks Design Solutions")

**GIVE** participants the simulation handout packet and **DIRECT** them to the first page.

**SAY:** "Page 2 of your packet gives you an introduction to the process and shows the individual pieces. Page 3 includes a picture of your finished fixture, including the beam it must fit around and the "in" and "out" points where it must start and Pages 4 and 5 lay out the detailed production process

**TELL** participants to read these pages and **ASK** what questions they have.

**REMIND** participants that it is **vital** that the instructions are followed directly.

**TELL** them to complete each part of the assembly process before moving on.

**PLACE** your arm or a sample beam in your sample fixture and **TELL** participants they should test their fixture by making sure it will fit around the beam (they can use their arm) and has the same “in” and “out” points as the picture.

**DESCRIBE** that this is the first of 3 timed rounds during the simulation and that you will explain them as they go and keep time.

PPT  
ACTIVITY ROUND 1 – (15 min.)  
(00:45 min. in)

(PPT slide 8– “Waterworks Round 1”)

**GIVE** instructions for the first round:

**SAY:** “You will have 5 minutes in this round to work individually to assemble the fixtures.

**TELL** Participants where you have placed the parts around the room. **REMIND** them to work individually at a quick pace and to follow instructions exactly.

**ASK** what questions participants might have.

**INSTRUCT** participants to turn to the assembly process in their handouts as a guide and to **BEGIN** the assembly.

**START** your timer, which is set for 5 minutes.

**OBSERVE** how individuals either do or do not follow the assembly process. Also observe different reactions and comments.

**CIRCULATE** around the room to answer questions but don’t correct if someone is not using the correct process.

**STOP** the participants after 5 minutes have gone by.

HO

(**HO** page 5– “Simulation: Waterworks Design Solutions”)

**INSTRUCT** participants to write down how many fixtures they have completed on page 5 of their handouts and then to **disassemble their fixtures, return the parts to their containers.**

**SHARE** instructor observations and

**DEBRIEF** round 1 of the activity with the following questions:

- What observations do you have about the current assembly process?
- How do you feel as the new owner of the Waterworks Design solutions company?

**TRANSITION/SAY:** “Later on we will give you a chance to address some of those issues but first, we are going to take a look at some of the Communication and team building skills we will be using for the next two rounds of our activity.

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**PART 2: COMMUNICATION &  
TEAMBUILDING SKILLS  
LECTURETTE – (40 MIN.)  
(01:00 HRS./MIN. IN)**

PPT

(**PPT** slide 9 – “Communication and Teambuilding Overview”)

**EXPLAIN/SAY:** “The following overview is an accelerated look at basic communication and team principles to keep in mind during the simulation activity in the module.

**TELL** participants that the following lesson is not meant to be an extensive study on communication and teambuilding but a quick review/overview that will aide them and give them skills to observe in the simulation activity to come

PPT	(PPT slide 10 – “Communication Definition”)
COMMUNICATION DISCUSSION (5 min.) (01:00 hrs/min. in)	<p><b>ASK:</b> “What is Communication?”</p> <p><b>EXPLAIN</b> that Communication is the exchange of information through listening, speaking, reading and writing.</p>
PPT	(PPT slide 11 – “Communication Involves”)
	<p><b>SAY</b> “Communication involves a sender, a medium and a receiver. Miscommunication occurs when the message the sender tries to communicate is not what is heard.”</p>
PPT	(PPT slide 12 – “Costs of Miscommunication”)
	<p><b>ASK:</b> “What do you think is the cost to a team who is experiencing miscommunication?”</p> <p><b>LISTEN/RESPOND</b> to participant answers. <i>Possible answers –lost time, materials, affect quality, leave customers dissatisfied, cause tension between workers, misunderstood instructions, not paying attention –i.e. safety instructions</i></p>
LISTENING DISCUSSION (10 min.) (01:05 hrs./min. in)	
PPT	(PPT slide 13– “Question”)
	<p><b>ASK:</b> “How many of you would say you are good communicators? Why or why no??</p> <p><b>LISTEN/RESPOND</b> to participant answers.</p> <p><b>POINT OUT</b> that communication involves more than just talking.</p>

**ASK:** “How is hearing different from listening?”

**EXPLAIN** that listening is hearing and understanding. Active listening is the skill of paying attention and interacting with a speaker.

PPT

(**REVEAL LIST PPT** slide 14 – “Comm. Is”)

HO

(**HO** page 6 – “Communicating Effectively”)

**LIST** the following components of active or effective listening:

- Think about the purpose of the message,
- Eye contact
- Nod to show understanding

PPT

(**REVEAL LIST PPT** slide 15 – “Comm. Is”)

- Ask questions
- Take notes
- Restate what was said in your own words.
- Remain alert

PPT

(**REVEAL LIST PPT** slide 16 – “Comm. Is”)

- Ask open ended questions.
- Remain sensitive to speaker’s perspective.
- Be patient!

**POINT OUT** that along with **effective listening**, good listening involves conveying your understanding of the message to the sender. This does not mean that you should repeat word-for-word the message that the sender relayed to you. Instead, you should in your own words convey your understanding of the message.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

(**OPT. ACTIVITY:** Effective Listening Practice)

**ASK** participants to model effective listening skills using a example situation such as “tell me about your favorite vacation?”

**DEBRIEF** activity

## COMMUNICATION ROAD BLOCKS

(5 min.)

(01:15 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 17 – “Roadblocks to Comm.”)

**ASK:** “What are some that obstacles hinder good communication?”

**EXPLAIN** that common obstacles include the following:

- **Differences in employee background** - To avoid confusing your team and to gain their trust, take the time to understand different member’s backgrounds.
- **Excessive information**-- To deal with information overload, screen and organize the information before sending it to your team.
- **Interference**, or any external distraction that distorts or blocks a message. Interference includes excessive background noise, unexpected, non work-related phone calls, and malfunctioning equipment --eliminate the source of interference or maintain awareness of the interference so you can plan to block it out.
- **Inaccurate assumptions.** If perception of a message is founded in an assumption and its incorrect communication does not happen --  
--To ensure that your team makes accurate assumptions regarding your message, be straightforward and concise when you send messages.
- **"Shoot the messenger"** syndrome---Be aware of this human tendency to blame the messenger to ensure that you do not harbor ill feelings toward a team member unnecessarily

**ASK:** “What questions do you have about the communication skills we just discussed?”



SUCCESSFUL TEAMS – (10 min.)  
(01:20 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 18 – “Successful Teams Have”)

HO

(HO page 7 – “Recipe Successful teams”)

**REVIEW/SAY:** “Earlier we came up with a list of the pros and cons of teamwork and discussed why so many employers are using teams. We will now look at what makes a good team. What characteristics do they have?”

**PRESENT** the characteristics of a successful team listed on **PPT** slide number 18 & 19.

- Clarity in Team Goals
- Improvement Plan
- Clearly Defined Roles
- Clear Communication

PPT

(PPT slide 18 – “Successful Teams Have”)

- Beneficial Behavior
- Well-Defined Decision Procedures
- Balanced Participation
- Establish Ground Rules
- Group Process

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

(**OPT. ACTIVITY:** Successful Teams Group Teachback)

**ASSIGN** one of the team characteristics to participants working in a group with 1-2 others. Have groups describe what they think their assigned characteristic looks like in a small groups and how it contributes to the small group’s success.

**HAVE GROUPS RECORD** on flip chart paper.

**HAVE GROUPS PRESENT** their findings and **LISTEN AND RESPOND.**

SOLVING PROBLEMS/  
BRAINSTORMING – (5 min.)  
(01:30 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 20 – “Team Problem Solving”)

**SAY:** “Sometimes teams are asked to solve a problem and sometimes that is why they are formed. Here are six steps teams can use to solve problems”

**PRESENT** the six steps to problem solving on power point slide 10.

1. Analyze the Problem-why is the problem happening? Cause? May need to look at data, interview and observe people
2. Generate Solutions- Can use Brainstorming to come up with a list of solutions.
3. Choose the Best Solution – Team evaluates strength and weakness of all solutions and which one meets the criteria or list of standards then chooses.
4. Implement the Solution – Putting the idea into action. My need to break down into steps with a schedule
5. Monitor Progress –Team should meet regularly for constant review and evaluation. Team may set interim goals that help measure progress
6. Evaluate the Outcome- Team asks did we meet our goals? Did we meet our deadline? What did we learn? What other improvements can be made?

BUILDING CONSENSUS (5 min.)

(01:35 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 21– “Building Consensus”)

**ASK/SAY:** “How many of you are good at making decision? Now imagine trying to make a group decision. There are several ways a team can make decisions. The leader can decide, or team can vote but coming to a Consensus is the best way to help all team members feel that their concerns were addressed. **Consensus** – Is an agreement arrived at by the people directly involved. When a decision is made by consensus, team members accept the decision.

PPT

(PPT slide 22– “Building Consensus”)

**PRESENT Conditions for Consensus Seeking:**

**Common Goal:** Everyone in the group needs to share a clear common goal and be willing to work together towards it.

**Commitment to reaching consensus:** Everyone needs to be willing to really give it a go. This means being deeply honest about what it is you want or don't want, and properly listening to what others have to say. Everyone must be willing to shift their positions, to be open to alternative solutions and be able to reassess their needs.

**Trust and openness:** We need to be able to trust that everyone shares our commitment to consensus and that everyone respects our opinions and equal rights

**Sufficient time** for making decisions and for learning to work by consensus.

**Clear Process:** It's essential to have a clear process for making decisions and to make sure that everyone has a shared understanding of how it works.

**Active participation:** In consensus we all need to actively participate

### Basic Guidelines for Consensual Decision Making:

1. Avoid blindly arguing for your own individual judgments. Present your position as clearly and logically as possible, but listen to other members' reactions and consider them carefully before you present your point.
2. Avoid changing your mind *ONLY* to reach agreement and avoid conflict. Support only solutions with which you are, at least, *somewhat able to agree*. Yield only to opinions that have objective and logically sound foundations.
3. Avoid "conflict-reducing" procedures such as majority vote, tossing a coin, averaging, or bargaining in reaching decisions.
4. Seek out differences of opinion. They are natural and expected. Try to involve everyone in the decision process. Disagreements can help the group's decision because they present a wide range of information and opinions, thereby creating a better chance for the group to hit upon more adequate solutions.
5. Do not assume that someone must win and someone must lose when the discussion reaches a stalemate. Instead, look for the next most acceptable alternative for all members.
6. Discuss the underlying assumptions, listen carefully to one another, and encourage the participation of all members.

### TRANSITION TO PART 3

**TRANSITION/SAY:** "We are now going to put all of your communication skills team building knowledge to the test with a simulation. This activity will show you how working in a team can be more effective than working individually and will help you observe how you and your classmates use different teambuilding skills".

## PART 3: SIMULATION ACTIVITY

### ROUNDS 2 & 3

#### APPLICATION – 40 min.

(01:40 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 23– “Waterworks Rounds 2 & 3”)

**INTRODUCE/SAY:** “As we move on to round 2 of the activity we are going to give you a chance to address some of the issues you may have had in round 1 of the simulation and make some changes.

#### ACTIVITY ROUND 2 (20 min.)

(01:40 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 24 & 25 – “Waterworks Round 1 and 1 & 2”)

HO

(HO page 8– “Simulation: Waterworks Design Solutions”)

**DIRECT** participants to record some of their ideas for improvement to the assembly process and/or the fixture on page 5 in their handout packet.

**GIVE** participants 3 minutes to do this.

**STOP** participants after 3 minutes and **TELL** them as the new owner of Waterworks Design Solutions they have decided to improve on their top selling fixture and have called in a team of experts to help. **TELL** them their main goals in this redesign process is to improve quality and efficiency and cut costs.

PPT

(PPT REVEAL slide 25–“Waterworks Round 2”)

**GROUP** participants into teams of four if not previously grouped

**INSTRUCT** them to share their ideas for improvement that they have just recorded.

Each person will have 1-2 minutes to share their ideas and each person in the group must share, but they need to wait to discuss the ideas.

**DIRECT** them to record the groups ideas in their Waterworks Design Solutions handouts.

**REMIND** participants that this is a great time to practice their communication and teambuilding skills!

**START** the small group sharing process.

**GIVE** groups 2 minutes per person and let them know when there are 2 minutes remaining.

**OBSERVE** any communication and teambuilding skills the groups are using during this and the following discussions.

PPT

**(PPT REVEAL** slide 25–“Waterworks Round 2”)

**STOP** group sharing after the allotted time.

**TELL** them that they now have 5 minutes to discuss each other’s ideas, and chose which ideas to implement in redesigning the process.

**TELL** them that they should record their final improvement plan on page 5 in their handout packet.

**START** the group discussion and decision time.

ACTIVITY ROUND 3 (5 min.)  
(02:00 hrs./min. in)

PPT

(PPT slide 26– “Waterworks Round 3”)

**STOP** the group discussion after 5 minutes and tell them they will now have 5 minutes to implement their improvement plan as they work as a group to build as many fixtures as they can.

**ASK** what questions the groups might have and then **START** the 5 minute group assembly process. **OBSERVE** what improvements were made by each team.

**STOP** the groups after 5 minutes and **INSTRUCT** them to count how many completed fixtures their groups produced.

**TELL** participants to disassemble the fixtures and put the pieces back in the appropriate areas.

ACTIVITY DEBRIEF (15 min.)  
(02:05 hrs./min. in)

HO

(HO page 9 – “Reflection Questions”)

PPT

(PPT slide 27 – “Questions”)

**INSTRUCT** participants to look over the following questions in their Waterworks Design Handout packets and then **DEBRIEF** the activity by discussing their answers

1. What improvements did your team make?  
And how did those improvements affect your overall production?
2. How did round 1 of the activity compare with round 3? How many more fixtures did you build?
3. What observations do you have about how you felt in round 1 compared to round 3?
4. How did your different teammates contribute?
5. What were the difficulties in working alone?
6. How did the team help solve those problems of being alone?
7. What were the challenges of working as a team?
8. What were the benefits of working as a team?

HO

(HO page 6 & 7 – “Communicating Effectively & Successful teams”)

**INSTRUCT** participants to refer back to their communication and team building skills handouts. Have them mark which skills they used or observed in their teams.

PPT

(PPT slide 28 – “What have you learned?”)

**ASK** participants to answer the question. “What have you learned from today’s session that you can apply to your current workplace environment?”

**ASK** participants to share which skills they used in their group and then to share any answers to the final application question.



TRANSITION

**SAY:** “I want to compliment you on a job well done and I hope have seen you can accomplish great things working as a team. Let’s take a look at our Objectives quickly to see all of the goals we have accomplished in this session.

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**PART 4: SESSION OBJECTIVES**

**REVIEW AND CLOSE (10 min.)**

(02:20 hrs./min. in)

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(PPT slide 29 – “Objectives”)

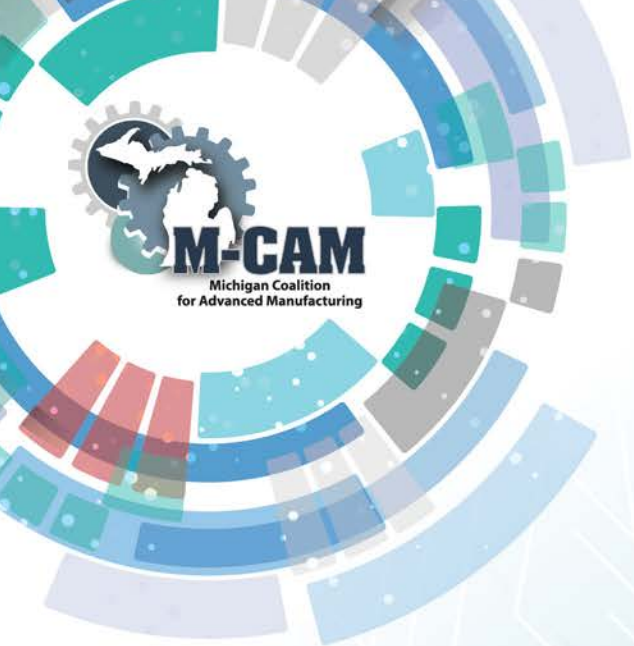
**REVIEW** Objectives with participants and **EVALUATE** if they were well covered during the session.

**SUMMARIZE** the workshop.

**ADMINISTER** the evaluation process.

PPT

(PPT slide 30 – “Thank You!”)



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## **Module 2:**

# **“Waterworks Design Solutions”**

### **Simulation Activity**

### **Participant Manual**

*With a focus on a simulated team building activity that challenges participants to solve a problem, both individually and in a group, this module emphasizes the importance of teamwork. It includes a hands-on component of having to build and redesign a mock product.*

*Participating in the activity develops supervisory and team building skills including problem solving, goal setting, communication, and brainstorming.*

## **Course:**

# **Team Building for Production**

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# Welcome!

## Waterworks Design Solutions Team Build Module and Simulation Activity

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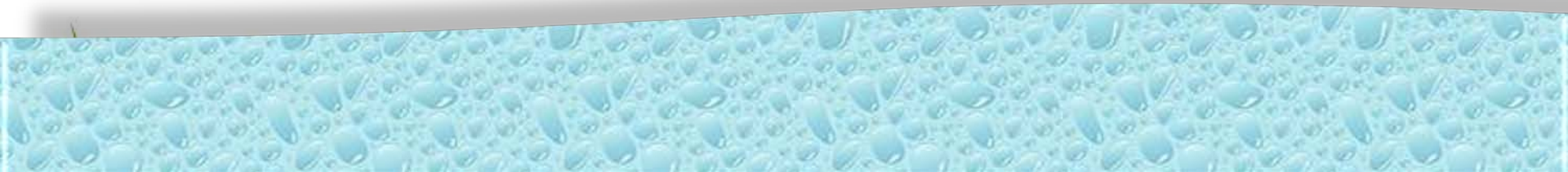
# Introductions



**1**  
Your Name

**2**  
Position/  
Work you do

**3**  
What comes to  
mind with the  
word "team"





What are the Pros and Cons of:

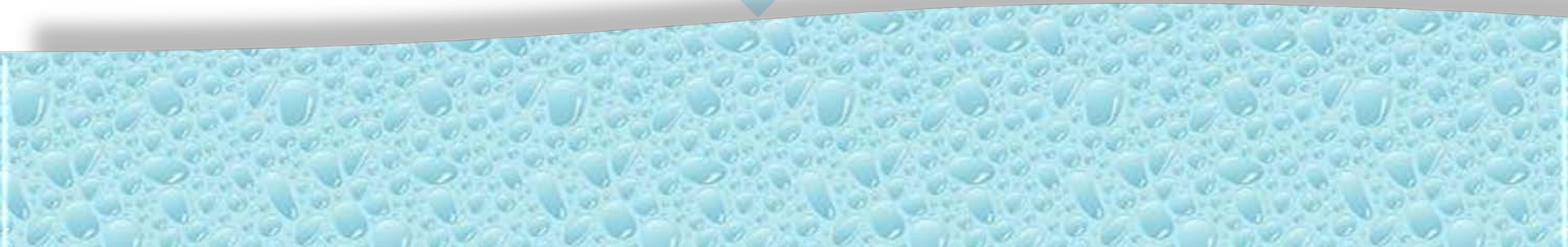
# Teams



What are some positive outcomes of working in a team?

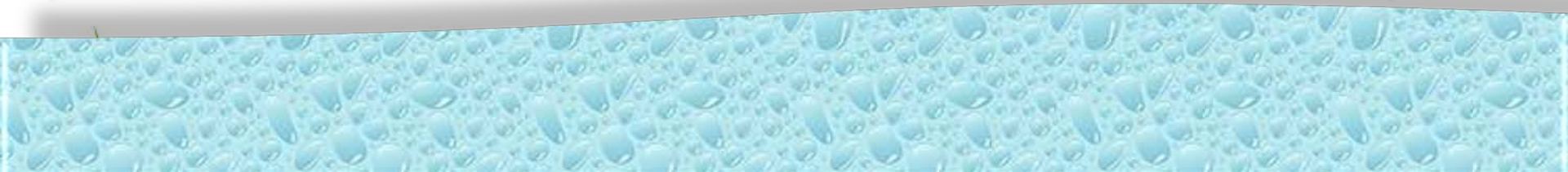


What are some less productive outcomes of working in a team?



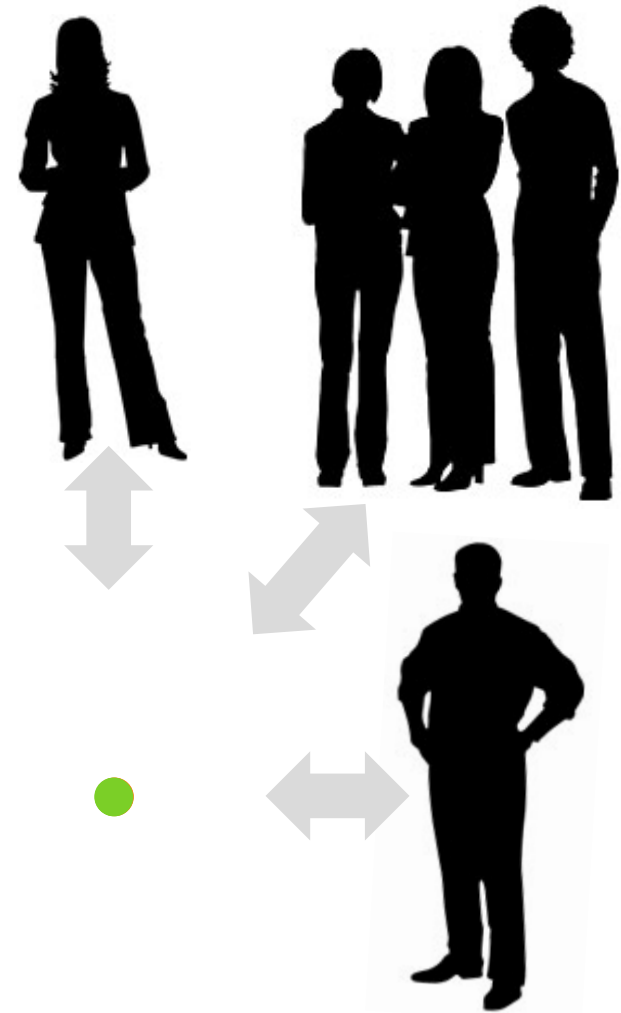


**Why do you think more  
companies are moving  
toward work teams?**



# Objectives

- ✓ Experience teamwork vs. individual work
- ✓ Use sensory input and reflection to accelerate learning
- ✓ Apply the concepts of effective communication
- ✓ Build knowledge in teamwork skills



What Objectives  
and Expectations  
do you have?

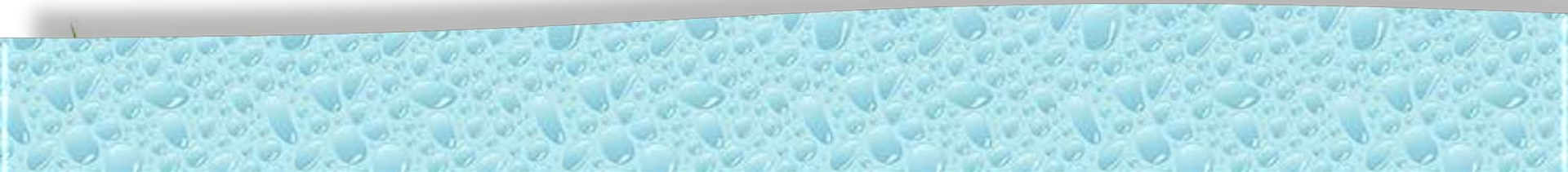
# Agenda



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Welcome  
• Introduction  
• Topic Intro  
• Goals and Expectations

**2**  
Communication  
and  
Teambuilding  
Skills Overview

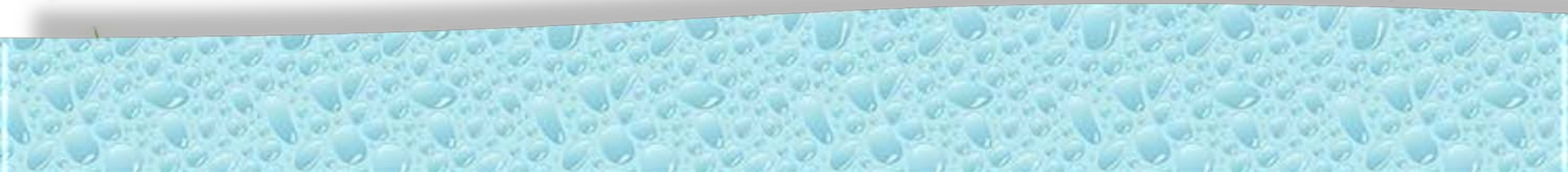
**3**  
Simulation  
Activity, Debrief  
and Application







# **Waterworks Design Solutions Simulation Activity (Round 1)**



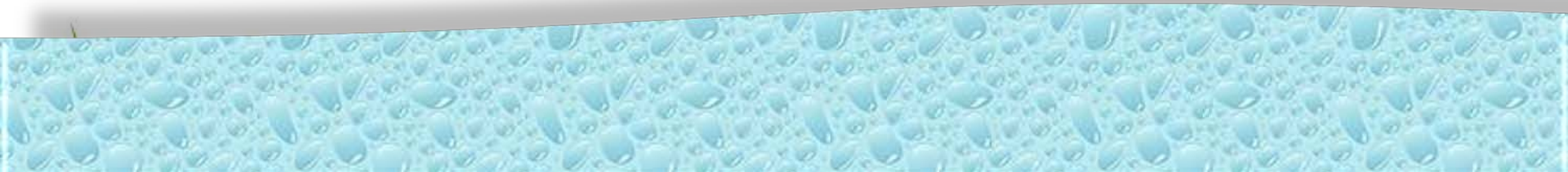
# Waterworks Design Solutions

**Round 1: Assemble Fixtures Individually**

**5 minutes**

**Complete each part of the assembly  
process before moving on**

**Fixture must fit “in” and “out” points and  
wall beam (or your arm)**





# Communication and Teambuilding

An Overview

# Communication is...an information exchange.



Listening

Speaking/Non  
Verbal

Reading/Writing

# Communication involves transferring a message



Sender      Medium      Receiver

.....and ensuring the message is understood.





## **What are some costs of miscommunication in a team?**

**Loss of time  
& materials**

**Poor quality  
work**

**Lack of  
focus/goals**

**Confusion Tension**



**Would you say you are a good communicator?**

**Why or why not?**

**How is *hearing* different from *listening*?**

# Communication is more than just talking...

Effective Listening Skills include:

- \* Considering the purpose of the message
- \* Making Eye contact
- \* Nodding to show understanding



# Communication is more than just talking...

## Effective Listening Skills include:

- \* Asking questions
- \* Taking notes
- \* Restating what was said in your own words
- \* Remaining alert

# Communication is more than just talking...

Effective Listening Skills include:

- \* Asking open ended questions
- \* Sensitivity to the speaker's perspective
- \* Patience!

# Roadblocks to Communication



# Successful Teams Have.....



**Recipe For  
a Team**

**Clarity in  
Team  
Goals**

**Improvement Plan**

**Clearly  
Defined Roles**

**Clear Communication**



# Successful Teams Have.....



**Beneficial  
Behavior**

**Well-Defined  
Decision Procedures**

**Balanced  
Participation**

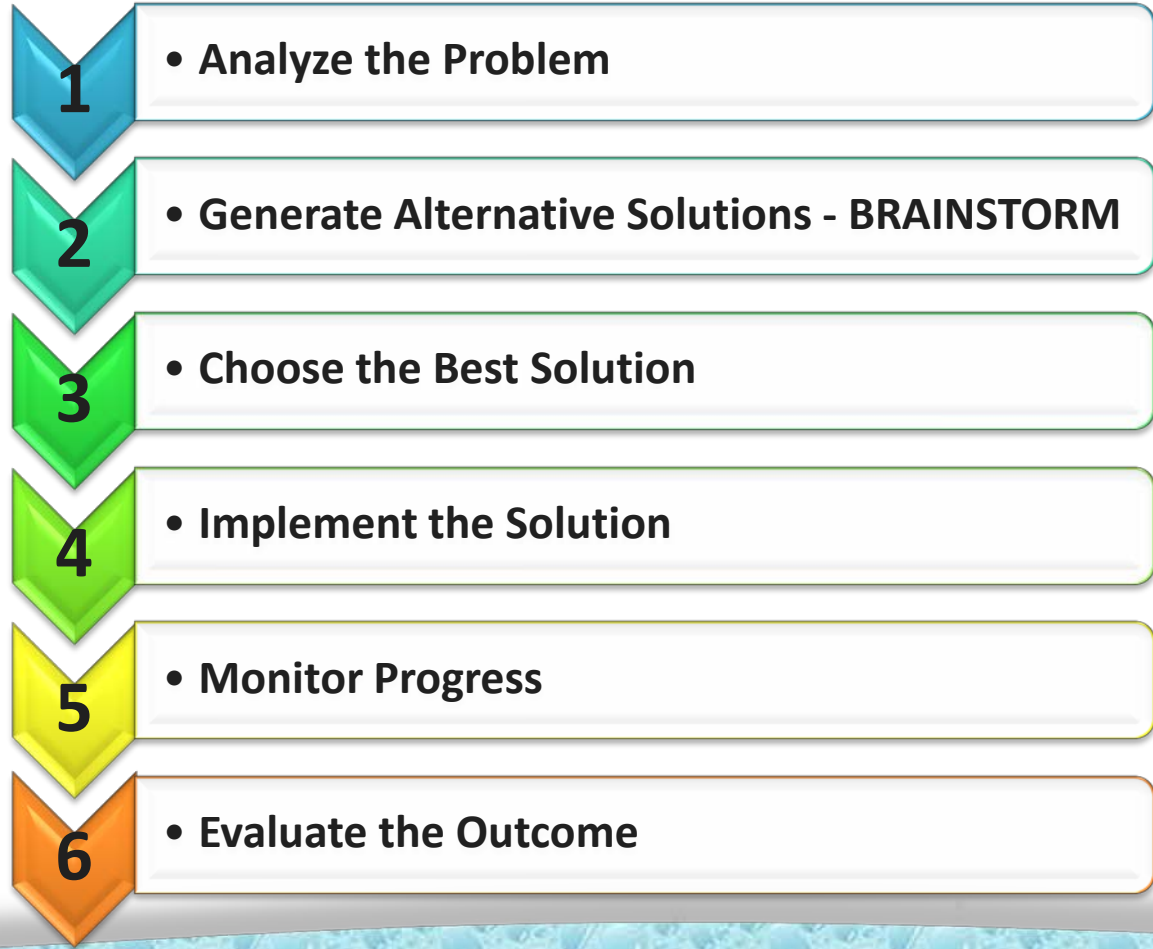
**Established  
Ground Rules**

**Group  
Process**





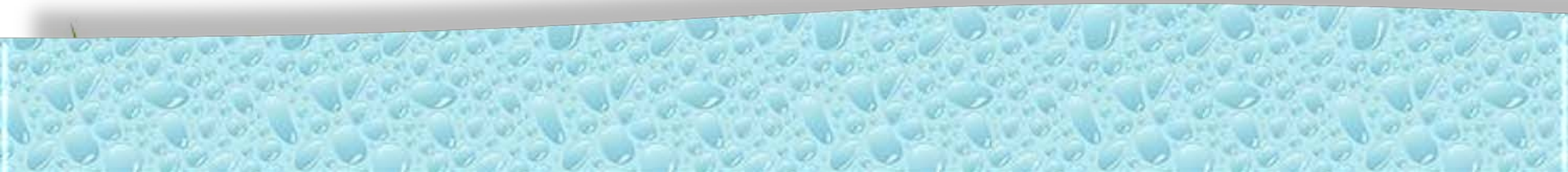
# Team Problem Solving



# Building Consensus

## Basic Guidelines for Consensual Decision Making:

1. Avoid blindly arguing.
2. Avoid changing your mind only to reach agreement.
3. Avoid “conflict- reducing. ”
4. Seek out differences of opinion.
5. Do not assume winner and loser.
6. Encourage participation.



# Building Consensus

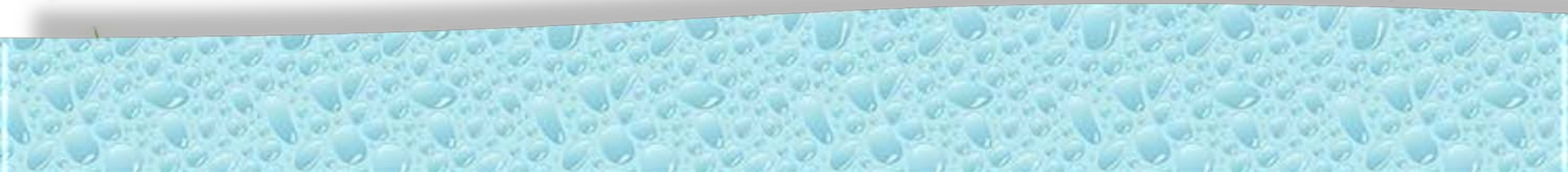
Best Conditions for Consensual Decision Making:







# **Waterworks Design Solutions Simulation Activity (Rounds 2 & 3)**

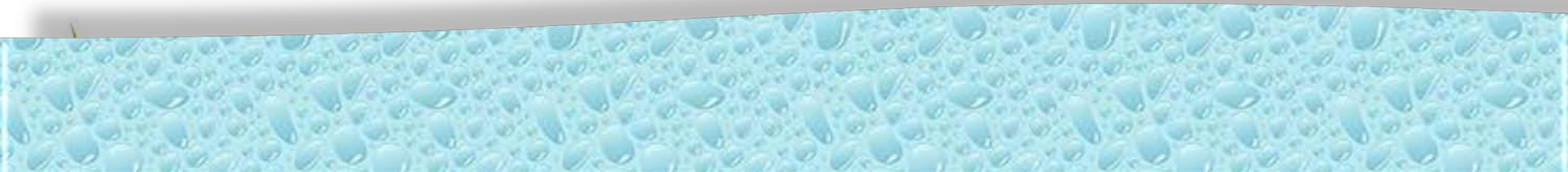


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**Round 1: Assemble Fixtures Individually  
5 minutes.**

**Complete each part of the assembly  
process before moving on**

**Fixture must fit “in” and “out” points and  
wall beam (or your arm)**



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**Round 1: Assemble Fixtures Individually**



**Round 2: Create Improvement Ideas**

**Individually 3 minutes**

**Group – SHARE ONLY – 1-2 min. per person**

**Group – Discuss and Design – 5 minutes**



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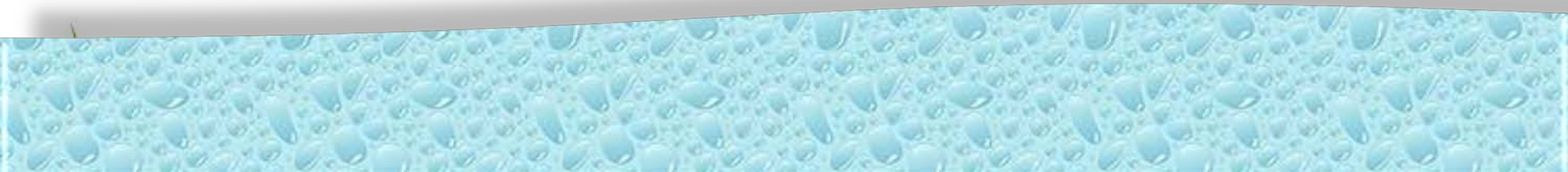
**Round 1: Assemble Fixtures Individually**



**Round 2: Create Improvement Ideas**



**Round 3: Implement Group Design – 5 min.**



**What improvements did your team make?  
How did those improvements affect your overall production?**

**How did round 1 of the activity compare with round 3?  
How many more fixtures did you build?**

**What observations do you have about how you felt in round 1  
compared to round 3?**

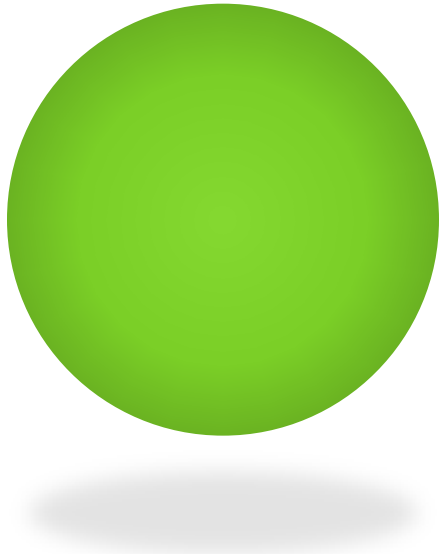
**How did your teammates contribute?**

**What were the difficulties in working alone?**

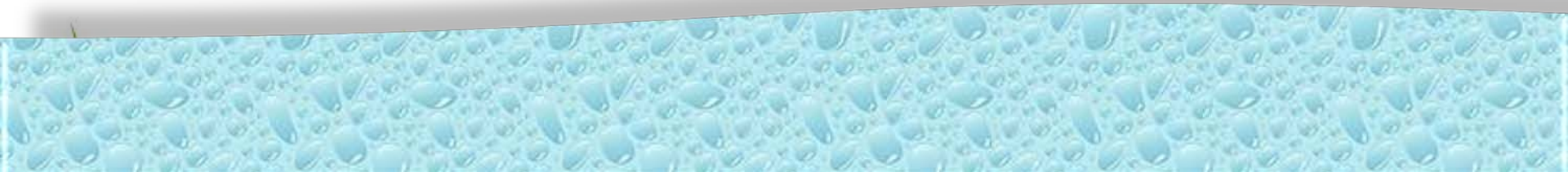
**How did the team help solve those problems of being alone?**

**What were the challenges of working as a team?**

**What were the benefits of working as a team?**



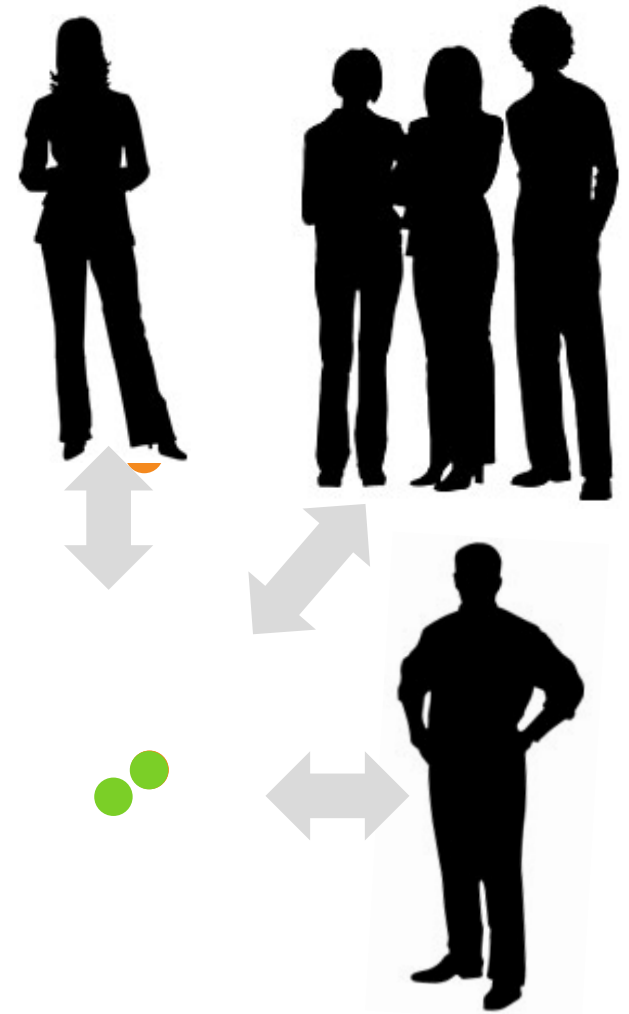
**What have you learned from today's session that you can apply to your current workplace environment?**





# Objectives

- ✓ Experience teamwork vs. individual work
- ✓ Use sensory input and reflection to accelerate learning
- ✓ Apply the concepts of effective communication
- ✓ Build knowledge in teamwork skills





# Thank you!

## Waterworks Design Solutions Team Build Module and Simulation Activity

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