# Team Building



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## What is Teamwork & Team Building

#### **Teamwork**

Concept of people working together as a team

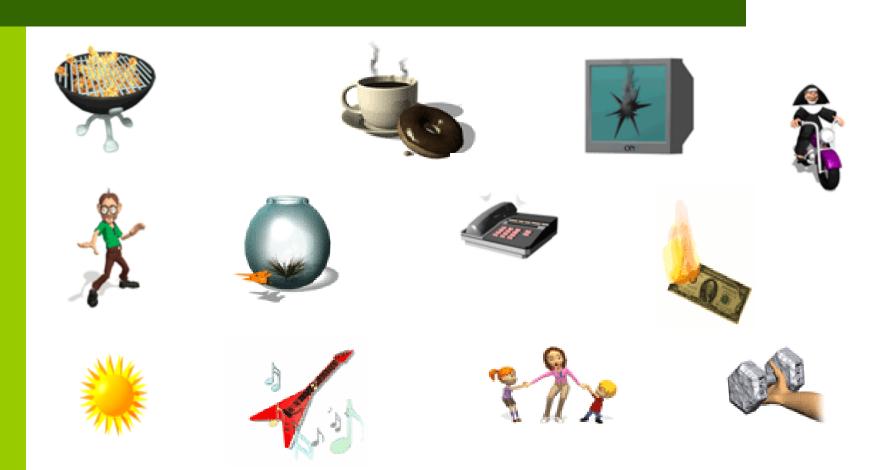
#### Team player

 A team player is someone who is able to get along with their colleagues and work together in a cohesive group

#### **Team Building**

 Process of establishing and developing a greater sense of collaboration and trust between members

# Teamwork "Create A Story"



# Why Should We Be a Team?

 When staff use their skills and knowledge together, the result is a stronger agency that can fulfill its mission

"To provide accurate information that would assist individuals in achieving a better quality of life."

 People working together can sustain the enthusiasm and lend support needed to complete the work of each program.

### **How does a Team Work Best?**

#### A Teams succeeds when its members have:

- a commitment to common objectives
- defined roles and responsibilities
- effective decision systems, communication and work procedures
- good personal relationships

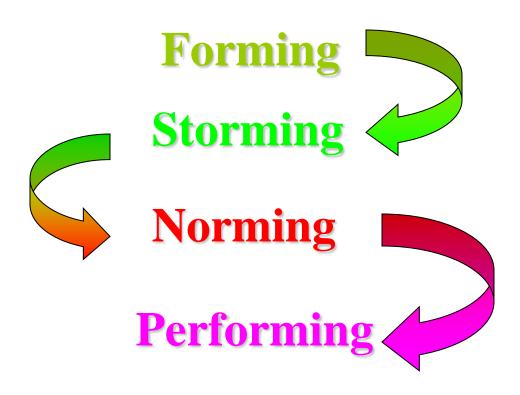
# **Team Morale Depends On**

- Support
- Resources
- Communication
- Personalities

## **Teamwork Skills**

- Listen
- Question
- Persuade
- Respect
- Help
- Share
- Participate

## **Stages in Team Building**



## **Stage 1: FORMING**

#### The Team

- defines the problem
- agrees on goals and formulates strategies for tackling the tasks
- determines the challenges and identifies information needed
- □ Individuals take on certain roles
- develops trust and communication

### **Team Roles - Leader**

- Encourages and maintains open communication
- Leads by setting a good example
- Motivates and inspires team members
- Helps the team focus on the task
- Facilitates problem solving and collaboration
- Maintains healthy group dynamics
- Encourages creativity and risk-taking
- Recognizes and celebrates team member contributions

# Other Team Roles – Members Can Formally or Informally Take on These Roles

- **Initiator** Someone who suggests new ideas. One or more people can have this role at a time.
- **Recorder** This person records whatever ideas a team member may have. It is important that this person quote a team member accurately and not "edit" or evaluate them.
- **Devil's Advocate/Skeptic** This is someone whose responsibility is to look for potential flaws in an idea.
- **Optimist** This is someone who tries to maintain a positive frame of mind and facilitates the search for solutions.
- **Timekeeper** Someone who tracks time spent on each portion of the meeting.
- **Gate Keeper** This person works to ensure that each member gives input on an issue. One strategy to do this is to ask everyone to voice their opinion one at a time. Another is to cast votes.
- **Summarizer** Someone who summarizes a list of options.

## From Individuals → A Group Forms

#### Help members understand each other

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)

Extraverts ----- Introverts

Sensors ----- iNtuitive

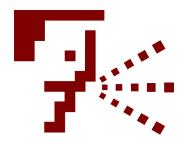
Thinker ----- Feelers

Judger ----- Perceiver

By selecting one from each category, we define our personality type, ESTJ, ENTJ...INFP

# Relevance to Teams (E/I)

- Extraverts
  - Need to think aloud
  - Great explainers
  - May overwhelm others



- Introverts
  - Need time to process
  - Great concentration
  - May not be heard



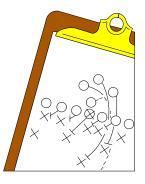
# Relevance to Teams (N/S)

- iNtuitive
  - Great at big picture
  - See connections
  - May make mistakes in carrying out plans

- Sensor
  - Great executors
  - May miss big picture, relative importance

## Relevance to Teams (T/F)

- Thinker
  - Skillful at understanding how anything works



- Feeler
  - Knows why something matters



## Relevance to Teams (J/P)

- Judger
  - Good at schedules, plans, completion
  - Makes decisions easily (quickly)
  - May overlook vital issues



- Always curious, wants more knowledge
- May not get around to acting



## What Type are You?

## Online Personality Tests

Jung types <a href="http://www.humanmetrics.com/cgi-win/JTypes1.htm">http://www.humanmetrics.com/cgi-win/JTypes1.htm</a>

 Keirsey types http://www.keirsey.com/cgi-in/keirsey/newkts.cgi

## Stage 2: STORMING

## During the **Storming** stage team members:

- realize that the task is more difficult than they imagined
- have fluctuations in attitude about chances of success
- may be resistant to the task
- have poor collaboration

## **Storming Diagnosis**

- Do we have common goals and objectives?
- Do we agree on roles and responsibilities?
- Do our task, communication, and decision systems work?
- Do we have adequate interpersonal skills?



# **Negotiating Conflict**

- Separate problem issues from people issues.
- Be soft on people, hard on problem.

 Look for underlying needs, goals of each party rather than specific solutions.

## **Addressing the Problem**

- State your views in clear non-judgmental language.
- Clarify the core issues.
- Listen carefully to each person's point of view.
- Check understanding by restating the core issues.

# **Stage 3: NORMING**

- During this stage members accept:
  - their team
  - team rules and procedures
  - their roles in the team
  - the individuality of fellow members
- Team members realize that they are not going to crash-and-burn and start helping each other.



#### **Behaviors**

- Competitive relationships become more cooperative.
- There is a willingness to confront issues and solve problems.
- Teams develop the ability to express criticism constructively.
- There is a sense of team spirit.

Giving Constructive Feedback

Be descriptive

Don't use labels

Don't exaggerate

Don't be judgmental

Speak for yourself



## **Giving Constructive Feedback**

- Use "I" messages.
- Restrict your feedback to things you know for certain.

 Help people hear and accept your compliments when giving positive feedback.

## Receiving Feedback

- Listen carefully.
- Ask questions for clarity.
- Acknowledge the feedback.
- Acknowledge the valid points.
- Take time to sort out what you heard.

# Stage 4: PERFORMING

#### Team members have:

- gained insight into personal and team processes
- a better understanding of each other's strengths and weaknesses
- gained the ability to prevent or work through group conflict and resolve differences
- developed a close attachment to the team

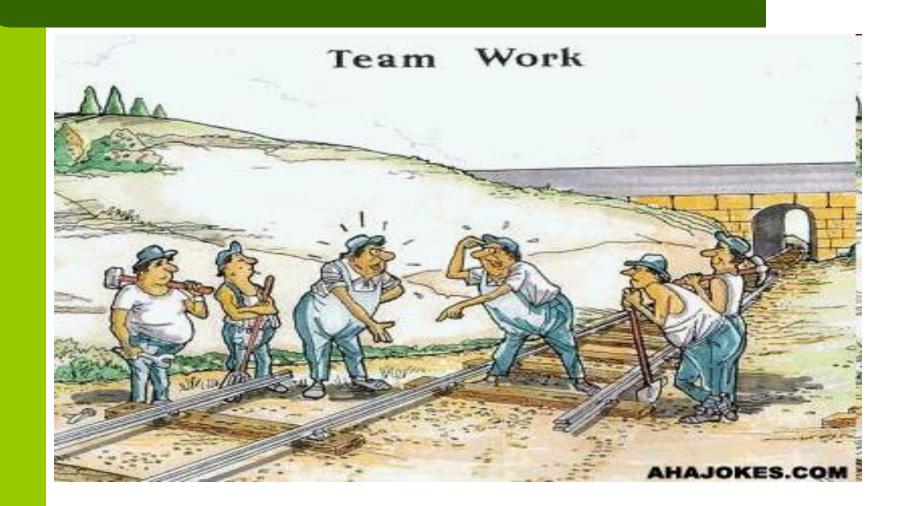
## Recipe for Successful Team

- Commitment to shared goals and objectives
- Clearly define roles and responsibilities
  - Use best skills of each
  - Allows each to develop in all areas

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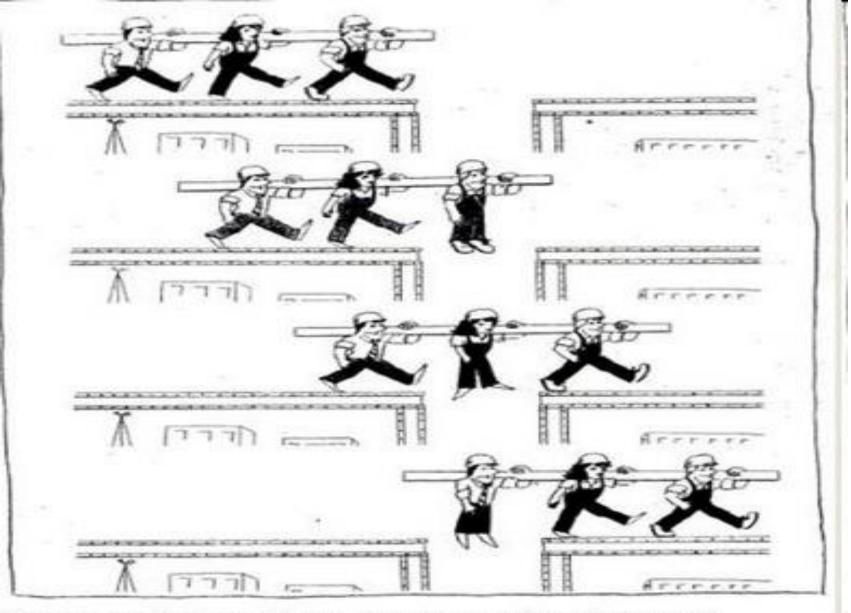
- Effective systems and processes
  - Clear communication
  - Beneficial team behaviors; well-defined decision procedures and ground rules
  - Balanced participation
  - Awareness of the group process
  - Good personal relationships

## The Results of Team Work



# **Every Team Member Can Help!**





Every member in a Team, has times when they need support -->>>

# Everyone Has to Hang in There!



## **Enjoy your Game!**



### **Resource Credit**

- Bob Mendonsa and Associates <a href="http://www.trainingplus.com">http://www.trainingplus.com</a>
- http://www/unitar.org
- www.challenge.nm.org/resources/Team\_Building.ppt