

# Abridged Preview

## Supervising Basics

### *Getting Started*



**Facilitator Guide with Participant Guide and  
PowerPoint Thumbnails**

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## Facilitator Kit Overview

This facilitator kit includes the following items:

- Facilitator guide, including copy for flip charts and end of seminar quiz and answers
- Facilitator copy of the participant guide
- CD with PowerPoint file of slides

### How to Use the Facilitator Guide

The facilitator copy is on the left-hand pages and participant copy with answers as appropriate is on the right-hand pages. The facilitator guide is formatted in two columns: The right column contains teaching notes, including such information as content points, possible examples, how to set up and process exercises, and suggested answers to exercises. The left column includes media notes, such as the related overhead slides.

### PowerPoint Slides

The slides for this course are on the enclosed CD and included a color file as well as a black-and- white PowerPoint file.

### Design of the Facilitator Guide

The facilitator guide is designed to give facilitators both directions and content. Sidebars provide a visuals to help you know at a glance what media you will be using to convey specific content. The **references to slide numbers, titles of flip charts, and names of activities** are set in a different type from the content. Content is written from a conversational, first-person perspective. [Directions are in brackets.] Page numbers for the participant guide are give in a box above the page numbers for each participant page in the facilitator guide.

## Quiz with Answers

1. As you make the transition into supervision, list one thing you will be giving up and one thing you will be gaining.

*Possible responses: Giving up: doing it all yourself; direct control over your work; taking responsibility for someone else's work. Gaining: new challenges; new opportunities to succeed; salary increase, promotion*

2. Fill in the blanks: It's important to delegate the right work to the right person.

3. Delegation plays a strong role in professional development.

4. List two tips for better listening:

*Possible responses: Use appropriate body language. Restate what the person says. Engage in a dialogue for understanding. Ask for clarification.*

5. What skill are you using when you make a statement like the following to someone who reports to you:  
"I need your help to complete this order on time."

*Coaching*

6. Complete this sentence: Motivation is critical because it Possible responses: supports and encourages or other relevant ideas from participants' experiences.

7. Define collaboration as it relates to managing conflict. Being as concerned about meeting the needs of the other person as you are about meeting your own needs.

8. List two things you can do to be a good role model for those who report to you. Possible responses: Practice time management. Recognize your own signs of stress. Get your own coach. Recognize what's important from what's urgent—fix the system, not the problem. Recognize accomplishments. Build trust. Use your supervisory skills - the ones you've learned in this workshop!

## Full-Day Training Schedule

### Course Introduction

Participant Introductions	10 minutes
Personal Learning Objectives	10 minutes
It's All About Balance	5 minutes

### Module 1: Making the Transition

Adapting to a New Role	5 minutes
Old vs. New Then and Now	10 minutes
Challenges	35 minutes

### Module 2: Delegating

It's Tough to Let Go	10 minutes
Can Delegate and Can't Delegate	5 minutes
Steps in Delegating and Practice	15 minutes
Successful Delegation	20 minutes

### Module 3: Communicating Effectively

Forms of Communication	5 minutes
Reasons for Communication	5 minutes
Body Language	10 minutes
Listening for Better Communication	10 minutes
Sharing Information	10 minutes
Effective Questions	15 minutes

### Module 4: Coaching

Developing Others	15 minutes
Developing Coaching Skills	30 minutes
Coaching Plan	15 minutes

### Module 5: Motivating

Types of Motivation	10 minutes
Ways to Say, "Good Job!"	10 minutes
Motivational/Demotivational	30 minutes
Motivation and You	10 minutes

### Module 6: Managing Conflict

Win-Win	20 minutes
Three Steps for Managing Conflict	30 minutes

### Module 7: Role Modeling

Setting the Bar	10 minutes
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**TOTAL 6 hours without breaks**



**Introductions**

Name

How long you've been a supervisor

What you find most difficult about being a supervisor

**"The most difficult thing"**

## Introduction

### Slide 1: Supervising Basics Flip Chart: Introductions

Welcome to Supervising Basics, Getting Started. Today we are going to look at several key skills good supervisors need to function well in today's work place. You will see how these skills sometimes overlap and work synergistically. This workshop is for you if you have recently become a supervisor or you are about to take on a supervisory role.

[Introduce self and share the importance of supervisory skills and the purpose of the training.]

[Cover housekeeping:

Breaks

Restrooms and phone locations

Any ground rules about electronic devices, interruptions, etc.]

[Participants introductions]

Please give:

Your name

How long you have been a supervisor/or if you are preparing to become a supervisor,

The one thing that is most difficult about being a supervisor.

For those who are not yet supervisors, tell us the one thing you anticipate being the most difficult or the one thing you are most concerned about.

<10 minutes>

[Post "The most difficult thing" flipchart on wall.]

Write at least one objective for the workshop on page 3 in your manual, based on the previous "the most difficult thing" about being a supervisor. We'll come back to these later in the workshop.

<8 minutes>

[Debrief and collect information on the flipchart: Expected responses include: developing, strategizing, influencing, facilitating, visioning, training, trust building, encouraging. Post flipchart.]

<5 minutes>

The experience of a first-time supervisor can be stressful. You suddenly have a wide range of policies and other regulations to apply to subordinates. Work is never "done." You must represent upper management to those who report to you, and those employees to upper management. You have many things to deal with at one time.

[Next: Balance flip chart activity.]

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## Agenda

Welcome and Introduction

Unit 1: Making the Transition: Doing to leading

Unit 2: Delegating: Doing more with others

Unit 3: Communicating Effectively: Spreading the word

Unit 4: Coaching: Developing others

Unit 5: Motivating: Making it meaningful

Unit 6: Managing Conflict: Win-Win with collaboration

Unit 7: Role Modeling: Setting the bar

### Objectives

After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Practice critical delegation skills for productivity
- ◆ Communicate successfully
- ◆ Use appropriate coaching skills to maximize performance
- ◆ Recognize what it takes to motivate today's workforce
- ◆ Deal with conflict situations collaboratively
- ◆ Be an effective role model

### Personal Learning Objectives

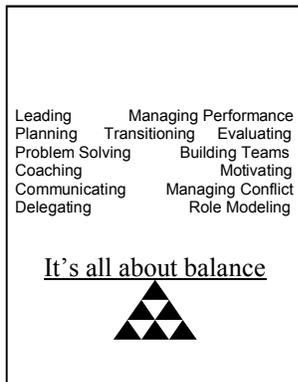
What do you need from this workshop to say you spent your learning time well?

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**Facilitation Tip**  
 Establish trust at the beginning of the session by letting participants know there are no right or wrong answers to a questions that ask for their opinion. If another participant starts to belittle someone else, immediately remind that person and the class that opinions are accepted.

Look at page 4 in your participant’s manual. Successful supervisors must have the ability to balance various tasks and priorities. The skills in larger type are the ones we will be focusing on today. These represent only a portion of what supervisors must handle.

Fill up the page with any other supervisory activities or skills you don’t see, but you know you have to perform or use.

<3 minutes>

[Debrief: Expected responses include: *developing, strategizing, influencing, facilitating, visioning, training, trust building, encouraging.*

Post flipchart]

<3 minutes>

In today’s workshop, you’ll be provided with an overview of tools to make your transition with confidence and make it easier to balance your various tasks and activities.

For us to meet the workshop objectives and your personal learning objectives, everyone will need to participate by staying engaged in the lesson, asking questions and giving input.

[Next: Module 1: Making the Transition, Slide 2: Adapting to a New Role.]

*Leading*

*Planning*

*Problem Solving*

*Coaching*

*Communicating*

*Delegating*

*Transitioning*

*Managing Performance*

*Evaluating*

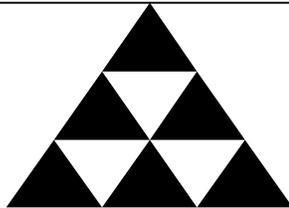
*Building Teams*

*Motivating*

*Managing Conflict*

*Role Modeling*

**It's all about balance!**



**Module 1: Making the Transition**

**[Module Outcomes:**

Participants will examine what is involved in the transition to a supervisory position. At the conclusion of this module, participants will be able to:

- Appreciate the importance of the move
- Understand the difference between old and new styles of management
- Understand how other people might react and how to deal with those reactions
- Recognize the challenges of supervising people from different cultures and different generations.]



**Slide 2: Adapting to a new role**

On page 5 in your guide, read the statements and respond to the two questions: What are you giving up? What are you gaining in making the transition to your new role?

<5 minutes>

**Making the Transition**

What are you giving up?

What are you gaining?

What are you giving up?

[Expected responses: See facing page.]

What are you gaining?

[Expected responses: See facing page.]

[Post flipchart.]

[Next: Slide 3: Old vs. New.]

## Making the Transition

*Doing to Leading* ➔

- ◆ You manage others' time.
- ◆ Satisfaction becomes more abstract.
- ◆ Your problems are long term.
- ◆ Your key resources are people.

### What are you giving up?

*doing it all yourself*

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*direct control over your work*

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*taking responsibility for someone else's work*

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### What are you gaining?

*new challenges*

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*new opportunities to succeed*

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*new expertise in supervising skills*

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*salary increase, promotion*

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OLD vs. NEW

Some of you have experience in both the “old style” boss and the “new style” supervisor/coach. Some of you have never had an “old style” boss, but you can use your imagination to think through and respond to the questions on page 8.

Select one of the examples of the “old style” from our flipchart or from page 6 in your guide. If you’ve ever had a boss who exemplified this “old style,” jot a short sentence or two about how you felt when you worked for this person. Those of you who never had such a boss, think how you would feel if your next manager followed the “old style,” and respond to the question from that perspective.

After you’ve reflected on the “old style,” think about the “new style.” If you’ve had a manager who practices the “new style,” explain how you felt. If you haven’t had a manager who practices the “new style,” imagine how you would feel if your next manager practices this style.  
<4 minutes>

[Debrief: Ask 1-2 volunteers to share their experiences with the different styles.]

Just as you had different responses to different styles, those you supervise will have different responses to you.

[Next: Slide 4: Challenges.]

**How Did You Feel?****Select one “Old Style”:** Style \_\_\_\_\_

How did you feel?

**Select one “New Style”:** Style \_\_\_\_\_

How did you feel?



**Slide 4: CHALLENGES!**

We need to rethink our traditional methods of supervision as the workforce continues to become increasingly diverse—but not just in terms of cultural diversity but also in terms of generational diversity. And, let’s not forget that you may be supervising old friends and acquaintances.

**Facilitation Tip**  
 Model acceptance of different generations. Use up-to-date examples from newspapers, the Internet, and other news sources rather than just your own experiences. Avoid using phrases like, “some of you weren’t even around then” or “some of you remember the ‘old days.’” Remember that both the youngest and oldest participants bring experience to the session.

For the first time in American history, four generations are in the workplace, ranging from those who are old enough to have fought in World War II, to those who are young enough not to remember the Berlin Wall. In the 2000s, the youngest and oldest generations are burgeoning in the workplace. The Nexters, born since 1980, are beginning to launch careers. Generation Xers have moved into upper management and junior executive roles. Meanwhile, late Baby Boomers and members of the so-called Veterans generation are remaining in the workforce—by choice or economic necessity—in greater numbers.

Circle the group of employees on page 9 you have the most problems supervising, (or those you think you will have the hardest time supervising), then note down at the bottom of the page why. We’ll come back to this in a moment.

[Debrief: Go around the room, asking how each person felt, if the class size is too large to do this, ask for volunteers who are willing to share]

<15 minutes>

[Next: Four Corners Exercise.]

## Supervising Challenges

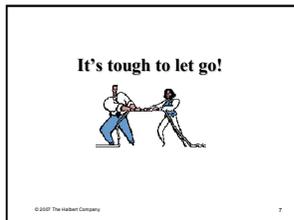
<p><b>Supervising more experienced employees</b></p> <p>Look at experience vs. education.</p> <p>Observe the length of service—commitment.</p> <p>Involve them in decision making.</p> <p>Ask for their help with training.</p> <p>Expect them to continue to learn.</p>	<p><b>Supervising employees from diverse cultures</b></p> <p>Show respect and sensitivity for individual and cultural differences.</p> <p>Demonstrate objectivity and openness to others' views.</p> <p>Create a respectful workplace for co-workers, customers and yourselves.</p> <p>Learn about other cultures, customs, languages.</p>
<p><b>Supervising less experienced employees</b></p> <p>Provide resources to enhance their skills sets.</p> <p>Be sure to expect enough.</p> <p>Insist on immediate job ownership.</p> <p>Watch out for upward delegation.</p>	<p><b>Supervising former peers/ friends</b></p> <p>Acknowledge possible discomfort and newness.</p> <p>Create new non-competitive relationships.</p> <p>Be alert for “boss’ pet” syndrome.</p> <p>Don’t allow them to take it out on you.</p>

## Module 2: Delegating

### [Module Outcomes

In this module, participants will examine the importance of delegating to accomplish the work to be done. At the conclusion of this module, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Recognize the difference between what can and cannot be delegated
- ◆ Effectively assign a job/project
- ◆ Practice what's required for successful delegation
- ◆ Identify delegation process components]



### Slide 7: It's tough to let go!

We've all had trouble letting go of things. What are some things it's been tough to let go of in any area of your life, such as habits or a particular way of doing something? [Take 2-3 responses from participants.]

Delegating can be like that. It means letting go of something, perhaps something you have been used to doing yourself for a long time.

On page 12, you'll see reasons most people don't or won't delegate.

Learning to delegate can be a challenge. You may want to remain comfortable, making the same decisions you've always made, believing you can do a better job yourself, not wanting to risk losing any of your power and status. Ironically, you do lose these if you don't learn to delegate effectively. Often, supervisors don't want to risk giving authority to subordinates in case the employees fail and impair the organization.

Sometimes it does seem easier for you to do it yourself. Delegating responsibilities and projects can take time. Without clear communication, delegation can lead to misunderstandings and negative results.

However, delegating can promote a number of positive actions and behaviors.

[Next: Slide 8: Delegating does more than balance the workload.]

## Delegating

*Doing more through others* ➔

- ◆ It's important to delegate the "right things" to the "right people."
- ◆ There are often barriers to effective delegation.
- ◆ There is a relationship between effective delegation factors such as empowerment, job satisfaction and motivation.
- ◆ Delegation plays a strong role in professional development.

### Why We Don't Delegate

\_\_\_\_\_ I can do it better/quicker

\_\_\_\_\_ They might make a mistake

\_\_\_\_\_ I might lose control

\_\_\_\_\_ I feel guilty when I do

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Facilitator Tip**  
 Before the session, ask a few participants if they would be willing to help you with demonstrations. This allows participants to say no without looking uncooperative to their peers. Depending on the demonstration, you may want to practice ahead of time or only get persons' agreement to participate in the demonstration.



How many of you are aware of your body language or how you come across on a regular basis? [Ask for a show of hands.]

On page 21, match up body language in the first column with its appropriate meaning in the second column. [Answers are on facing page.]

We cannot underestimate the importance of body language in the communication process.

[Ask two people join you up front. Take person A aside and ask him/her to address person B, saying, "I really appreciate that" with one hand on his/her hip, looking at fingernails. Have person B say the same thing to person A, making eye contact with and giving full attention].

Who would you believe and why?

[Expected responses include: The person who looked at the other person when talking.]

**Slide 16: The biggest barrier to communication is the assumption that is has been done.**

What does this mean? [Expected responses include: *If we assume incorrectly, we respond to the wrong thing. We give less specific information.*]

This happens far more than we think it does. One of the reasons is that we fail to use our most important communication skill.

Who knows what the most important form of communication is?

[Expected response is: *Listening.*]

[Next: Discussion of body language continues.]

## Body Language

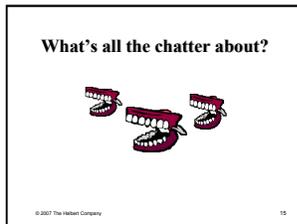
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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. <u>g</u> Rolling your eyes               | a. I understand                  |
| 2. <u>c</u> Body turned away from speaker   | b. Intensity and interest        |
| 3. <u>b</u> Leaning forward, facing speaker | c. Pulling away from involvement |
| 4. <u>e</u> Sighing deeply                  | d. You are wrong                 |
| 5. <u>a</u> Nodding your head               | e. Boredom                       |
| 6. <u>d</u> Wagging finger back and forth   | f. Inattention to speaker        |
| 7. <u>h</u> Pointing your finger            | g. What a ridiculous remark      |
| 8. <u>f</u> Rifling through your papers     | h. Accusatory posture            |

### Module 3: Communicating Effectively

#### [Module Outcomes

In this module, participants will examine various ways to communicate effectively. At the conclusion of this module, participants will be able to:

- Monitor their own communication skills for improvement
- Understand the role of body language in communicating effectively
- Understand the importance of listening skills in communicating effectively
- Use questions more powerfully]



#### Slide 15: What's all the chatter about?

Ineffective communication simply becomes chatter, sometimes annoying chatter. It means nothing to anyone.

On page 18, let's look at some facts about communicating effectively.

[Next: Participant, page 18: How do people communicate?]

## **Communicating Effectively**

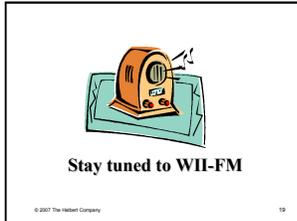
### *Spreading the word* ➡

- ◆ A balanced, positive approach is required.
- ◆ We communicate in many different ways and forms.
- ◆ There are techniques for becoming more confident in communicating.
- ◆ Good communication generally equals good feedback.

Here are some questions you can use. What other questions can you think of to add? [Ask for 1-2 volunteers to share additional questions.] How and why do good questions empower?

On page 15, Delegating Pointers, we talked about empowerment.

When you communicate, something you never want to forget is WII-FM.



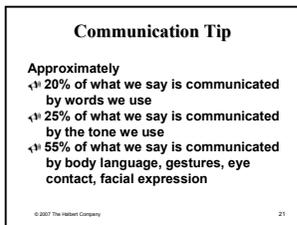
**Slide 19: Stay tuned to WII-FM...**

Who knows what WII-FM is?



**Slide 20: "What's in it for me?"**

If you can show employees something is in it for them, whether it be a job well done, recognition, your appreciation, then that's half the battle in communicating well.



**Slide 21: Communication Tip**

[Click to bring in each percentage.]

Did you know that **Approximately 20% of what we say is communicated by the words we use 25% of what we say is communicated by the tone we use 55% of what we say is communicated by body language: gestures, eye contact, facial expression**

This reinforces what we said earlier about body language and of course it reminds us that it's not always what we say, but how we say it."



**Slide 22: Using effective communication skills helps supervisors improve their performance and increase the productivity of the employees and the organization.**

One very effective way we can communicate with employees is through coaching.

[Next: Module 4: Coaching and Slide 23: RAH!]

## General Effective Questions

What results do you want?	What was particularly effective about the way that worked?
What would be the advantages/benefits of that approach?	How would you do it differently another time?
What options do you have for getting past that obstacle?	What would be the benefit of doing it differently?
What will it ideally look like when it's complete?	If there were no obstacles or issues, what would we be doing right now?
What has worked most effectively in similar situations?	How can I be most helpful to you right now?

## Questions that Empower

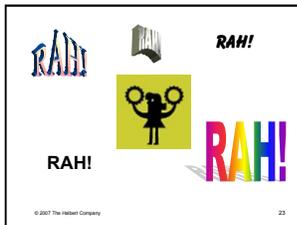
What concerns you about this?	How can you look at this problem differently to come up with an effective solution?
What are the customer's needs?	What is your perspective?
What can we learn from this?	What were the problems you faced?
What kind of support do you need?	What are their key objectives?
What do you think about...?	How will we measure the results?
What is going well/not going well?	How can we make this situation a success for everyone?

## Module 4: Coaching

### [Module Outcomes

In this module, participants will examine the components and benefits of good coaching. At the conclusion of this module, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Use their own well-developed coaching skills
- ◆ Use coaching to enhance performance
- ◆ Establish expectations
- ◆ The role of asking questions in the coaching process
- ◆ Understand the role of coaching in the career development process]



### Slide 23: **Rah, Rah, Rah, etc.**

Remember, at the beginning of the workshop when we talked about going from boss to cheerleader? What are cheerleaders supposed to do?

[Expected responses: *Cheer on, get people revved up, get people going, get the blood flowing*].

Coaching gives us many positive ways and opportunities to relate to employees. [Paraphrase some of what is on the facing page.]



### Slide 24: **Coaching is not a disciplinary measure; if anything, it is a form of training.**

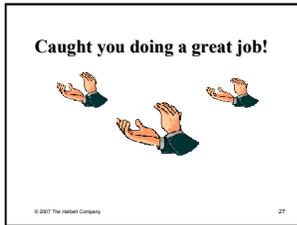
This is the message we want to get across. Never use coaching in a negative way. Use it as a training intervention. Look at page 27 for a way to do this.

[Next: Accentuate the Positive and Redirect the Negative.]

## Coaching

*Developing others* ➡

- ◆ Coaching is a way of helping others achieve peak performance.
- ◆ Coaching is an ongoing process designed to help the employee gain greater competence and overcome barriers.
- ◆ The goal of coaching is to create a change in behavior, to move employees from where they are to where they need to be.
- ◆ Coaching encourages people to do more than they ever imagined they could.



**Slide 27: Caught you doing a great job!**

This is exactly what we want to do.

[Go right to the next slide.]



**Slide 28: We want to catch people doing something well, not set them up for failure.**

There's nothing wrong with making mistakes—it's one of the best ways to learn; however, if we can help people avoid making too many mistakes, we are truly coaching them.



**Slide 29: Effective Coaches . . .**

What else do effective coaches do?

[Expected responses: *build teams, can help with self-esteem, can build relationships.*]

[Add to flip chart already on the wall.]

[See facing page: Facilitator starts out by saying these three things on page 29 to one participant with meaning. Have that person turn and say the three things to his or her neighbor and so on until everyone has said these things to another participant.]

[Go back other way: Ask the following question of the person you ended with above.]

How did that make you feel?

[Expected responses include: *Being specific does make a difference. Making a statement about a characteristic was something new to me.*]

[Next: Sentence completion activity, Participant, page 30.]

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## Coaching and Performance Enhancement

- ◆ **Take praise beyond generic recognition with these three steps:**

Make a **general remark**, such as *“That was a great presentation, (person’s name).”*

Then, tell him/her **specifically** what you liked: *“I liked how you used humor to talk about the changes we face.”*

Generalize from this specific instance to a **character strength**: *“Your sense of humor always gets us through rough times. I admire that.”*

- ◆ **Using this method tells a person this specific event is indicative of something you admire about him/her.**

## Module 5: Motivating

### [Module Outcomes

In this module, participants will examine what motivation is. At the conclusion of this module, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Understand the difference between extrinsic and intrinsic motivation
- ◆ Understand what makes someone motivational
- ◆ Understand why effective motivation is critical
- ◆ Use motivation for performance improvement
- ◆ Satisfying employee needs]



### Slide 31: Encouraging and Appreciating

You know you cannot actually motivate a person. Like empowering, you can only provide the environment, climate, or atmosphere for motivation.



### Slide 32: “If I do my job right, nobody cares.”

How many of you have ever felt this way. You can be sure the people who report to you feel this way at times, some more than others.

[ASK rhetorically]

How can we deal with this?

[Answer]

We make it meaningful by using motivation.



### Slide 33: Maslow's Hierarchy

One of the key principles of motivating is understanding human behavior. There are various motivational theories. One of the most well-known was developed by psychologist Abraham Maslow, who felt that human needs arrange themselves into a hierarchy of needs as we see on the slide. The five bullet points on page 33, summarize Maslow's findings.

[Next: Maslow's needs defined and Slide 34: Human Needs.]

## **Motivating**

*Making it meaningful* ➤

- ◆ Every person has needs.
- ◆ A person's external behavior is a mirror of internal needs.
- ◆ A person's more basic needs have precedence over his/her higher needs.
- ◆ A person can be motivated at the lowest level of unmet need.
- ◆ A satisfied need will no longer motivate.

**Human Needs**

- ☐ Physiological: Food, water, clothing, shelter
- ☐ Safety: Stability, structure
- ☐ Social: Friendship, community
- ☐ Esteem: Respect, recognition
- ☐ Self-Actualization: Fulfilling potential

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**Slide 34: Human Needs**

Here, Maslow's needs are briefly defined.

[Click to bring in 5 categories of need.]

How many of you are familiar with intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and where they come from?

Look at page 34. Extrinsic motivation comes from things outside of us such as money and awards.

What else?

[Expected responses include: *Recognition, Praise, Promotion*]

Intrinsic motivation comes from things within us such as: Pride in doing good work, Accomplishments.

What other kinds of things?

[Expected responses include: *contributions we make, even possibly a difference we can make in the world*]

[Next: Slide 35: Ways to Say, "Good Job!"]

## Types of Motivation - Inside and Out

### Extrinsic Motivation

- ◆ Money
- ◆ Awards
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_

### Intrinsic Motivation

- ◆ Pride in job well done
- ◆ Accomplishment
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_

**Module 6: Managing Conflict**

*[Module Outcomes*

In this module, participants will examine an approach to conflict management. At the conclusion of this module, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Use questions
- ◆ Use collaboration to manage conflicts
- ◆ Have win-win outcomes]



**Slide 37: Conflict Management is a Life Management Skill**

Conflict management *is* a life management skill. You can use this at home and in a variety of situations, as well as at work. You might use it with a little league coach, a mechanic who was working on your car, your kids, or practically anyone when there is a conflict.

Has anyone had to deal with a conflict in the past two weeks—one you can talk about briefly?

What words come to mind when you hear the word *conflict* or see a conflict developing?

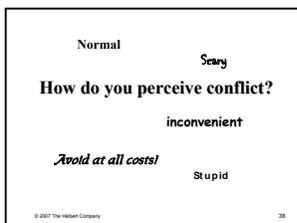
[Expected response: *fear, anxiety, unpleasantness, argument, disagreement, fight*]

What one word most often defines conflict?

[Expected response: *negative* because generally none of us has a positive attitude about dealing with conflict].

On page 39, take a few minutes to write the words that come to mind when you think of dealing with conflict.

Categorize these words and why they come to mind.



**Slide 38: How do you perceive conflict?**

[Click to bring in 5 words. Comment as appropriate if any words mentioned by someone in the group is the same as one of these words.]

Let's look at why we might have that kind of attitude.

[Next:

## Managing Conflict

*Win-Win* ➡

What words come to mind when you think of conflict?

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Under what “umbrella” word(s) would you categorize the words above and why?

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Resolving Conflict

Conflict is not necessarily good or bad; it just is.

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The best way to deal with conflict is to make it a win-win situation.

Two people are sitting in a library reading room. One says, “Someone open a window, it’s warm in here.” The other person says. “No, keep the window closed; otherwise, it will get cold in here.” The librarian goes into a connecting room and opens a window in there.

What are the wants and needs of each person?

[Collect responses on prepared flipchart]

[Wants: *window closed, window open.* Needs: *keeping cool, staying warm.*]

How does the librarian resolve the conflict?

[Expected responses include: *By opening window in adjoining room, it allows some air in the next room, enough to keep it cool, but not enough to cause a cool draft on the other person*]

You must get everything that is bothering you out on the table and **focus only on the situation or behavior**, not on the person. Above all, you want to preserve the relationship. Focus on what you can do about it.

[Read the questions page 44.] They provide ways to determine each others needs, and, as it says, this is the start of collaboration. This is the only way to effectively resolve a conflict. If you keep anything hidden, it will simply fester like a small cut that gets no attention and eventually becomes infected.

**Slide 39: Conflict is not necessarily good or bad, it just is.**

When we look at the pace at which we work, the quantity of work we are asked to do, and the diversity of people we work with, it is no wonder we have the occasional conflict situation.

It is important that we accept conflict as an inevitable part of all work situations and deal with it to maintain individual and team focus and productivity.

[Next: Discussion of Benefits of Managing Conflict and Participant, page 45.]

## Questions to Use in Dealing with Conflict

What common goals do we have?

What has worked?

What hasn't worked?

What are your needs?

Anything else on your mind?

What needs to happen right now?

**This is called collaboration!**

*I'm as concerned about your needs as I am about my own.*

**This way, it's win-win!**

*Everyone's needs get met.*

## Module 7: Role Modeling

### [Module Outcomes

In this module, participants will examine what it means to be a role model for other employees. At the conclusion of this module, participants will be able to:

- Monitor their own levels of stress
- Set the standard for excellence
- Use the supervisory skills learned in this module]

As I stated at the beginning of this course, the experience of a first-time supervisor can be stressful. Everyone in a supervisory position has gone through the transition from individual contributor to supervisor. Each person finds his/her own way to “survive.” The guidelines on this page will help you keep your perspective and your health.

Circle those bullet points you know you need to work on most.

Then, look at the last bullet – **use the skills you have learned in this class** – and then look all around the room at the numerous skills and tips we’ve talked about today. Based on what you have learned, write down three things you will use right away, 3 takeaways from this class, and be as specific as possible. Make a commitment to use these things to be the best supervisor you can be for yourself, for your employees and for the organization.

To help you gauge your understanding of the basics of supervision, the last part of the session will involve a quiz.

[Handout 1]

<10 minutes>

[Debrief quiz by sharing correct answers and providing clarification or letting participants help each other by providing clarification for those who missed questions.]



### Slide 41: Use the skills you have learned

I hope this class has given you a good start, a good base, from which to move forward in your position as a supervisor.

Thank you  
Evaluations

## **Role Modeling**

### *Setting the Bar* ➡

- ◆ Practice time management.
- ◆ Recognize your own signs of stress.
- ◆ Get your own coach.
- ◆ Recognize what's important from what's urgent—fix the system, not the problem.
- ◆ Recognize accomplishments.
- ◆ Build trust.
- ◆ Use your supervisory skills - the ones you've learned in this workshop!