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Making Team Projects Work

Tools for Teams: What's in Your Toolbox?

Over the past six weeks, Lauren Vicker and I have been posting about tools for teams. As you know, teams have the potential to make more informed decisions, solve problems better, be more creative, and much more. But, they are notoriously fraught with issues that make the team process fail.

Team tools can help your team to succeed. As a summary, here are some of the tools that we've posted about (if you missed a post, clicking on the title will take you to a pdf of it):

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER POSTS ON TEAM TOOLS

- June 1: Tools for Teams_Introduction
- June 8: Tools for Team Decision-Making
- June 15: Tools for Team Problem-Solving (intro)
- June 22: Tools for Team Problem-Solving (specific)
- June 29: Tools for Team Creativity
- July 6: Tools to Reach Team Consensus

Check out these posts and other resources on our website.

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An Introduction to Tools for Teams

- In this first post, we made the case for how important it is for teams to use these tools to help them succeed.

Tools for Team Decision Making

- This post gave some tips for how to intervene by following structured decision-making procedures in your team.

A Team Problem-Solving Process

- Following the prescriptive steps in this post would definitely help your team to improve its problem-solving skills.

Tools for Team Problem Solving

- Some teams can use even more support while following the steps in the previous post. In this post we gave some structured tools to help solve team problems.

Tools for Team Creativity

- We gave specific recommendations in this post that describe procedures that can help your team to improve individual and team creativity.

Tools for Reaching Team Consensus

- In the final post of the series, we discussed how to help teams reach consensus.

Hopefully, you now have some new tools in your toolbox after reading some of our blog posts in this series. Try some of these when your team is trying to figure out a problem, be more creative, reach consensus, or just improve its team processes. And, if there is a topic you'd like to see in this series or some other tools that you think are important to discuss, let us know at MakingTeamProjectsWork@gmail.com.

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