# Job Coaching Skills Workshop for Job Coaches





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#### Unit 1 What is a Job Coach?

- Successful Coaching
- Job Coaching Readiness Self-Assessment
- Characteristics of a Good Job Coach







#### Successful Job Coaching

It takes more than being able to do

the job well.



The ability to share knowledge and skill effectively can be learned and practiced.





#### From One Job Coach to Another

### "Ability is what you're capable of doing."

#### "Motivation determines what you can do."

## "Attitude determines how well you do it."

- Lou Holtz, former Head Coach, University of South Carolina





#### Job Coaching Readiness

The self-assessment determines

- Your strengths.
- Things you can work on to improve your success as a job coach.

















# Job Coach Readiness Self-Assessment Activity





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## A Job Coach...

- •Uses structured techniques to assist individuals with disabilities to learn and accurately carry out job duties.
- Job coaches provide on-the-job training and support the individual to adjust to their chosen work environment.
- •With this support, individuals will be able to become independent in carrying out the duties of their job with effective supports.





## Unit 2

# Establishing Rapport and Building Relationships





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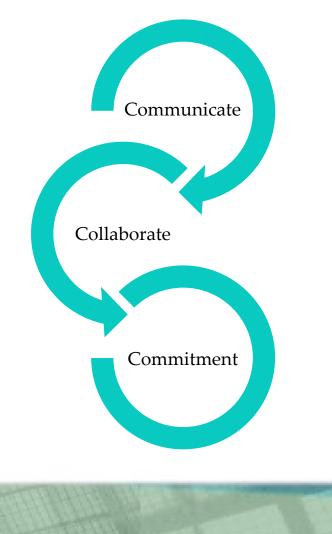
- Establishing a Relationship
- Effective Communication
  - -Listening Skills
  - -Asking Good Questions
  - -Giving Feedback
  - -Communication Skills Summary
- Responsibilities







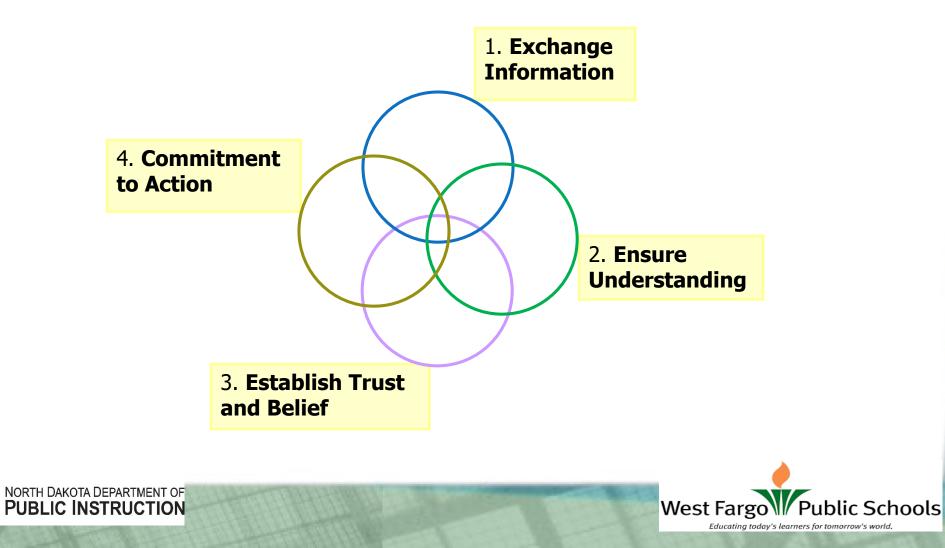
#### Establishing a Relationship



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#### Effective Communication The Communication Process



## **Listening Skills**

"Seek first to understand, then to be understood."

Stephen Covey (1990)

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People







## Next to physical survival,

"the greatest need of a human being is psychological survival-to be understood, to be affirmed, to be validated, to be appreciated. Listening provides this ...for it provides 'psychological air'."

Stephen Covey





When you listen carefully to another person you validate them.

Once the need for validation is met, others are open to listen to you. It is then you can focus on influencing them or solving problems.





## Good Listeners:

- Don't interrupt or plan a response while the other person is talking
- Are not judgmental

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- Think before answering
- Try to face the speaker; maintain eye contact
- Watch nonverbal behavior; listen with eyes and ears
- Ask questions and wait for an answer
- Don't have to have the last word

adapted from Richard Gemmet 1977



## **Asking Good Questions**

• Gets the trainee and job coach talking

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- Controls attention because they require a response
- Helps the learner think





## Types of Questions

- •Open-ended
- •Closed-ended







#### **Closed-Ended Questions**

- Usually result in a yes or no answer
- Usually begin with

Do..., Is..., Can..., Could..., Would..., Should..., Will..., Shall...,

- Should be avoided
- Example:

"Are you ready to move to the next step?"





#### **Open-Ended** Questions

- Help evaluate trainee's understanding
- Establish strengths and concerns of the trainee
- Begin with

How..., Why..., When..., Where..., What..., Who..., Which..., If...

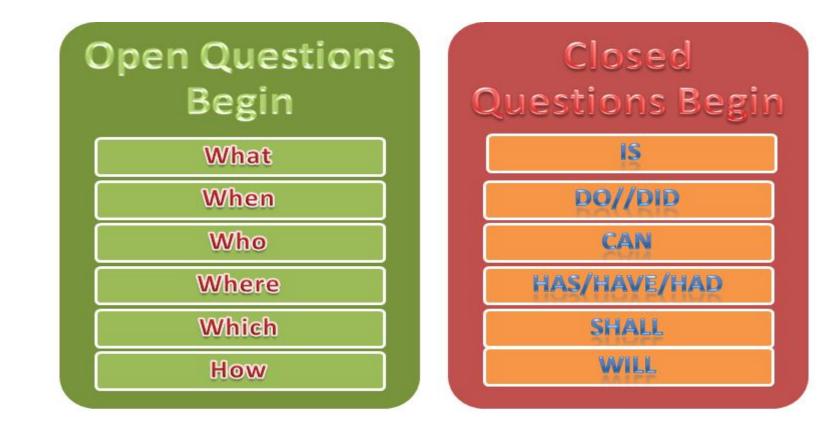
• Example:

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"What additional information do you need in order to move to the next step?"



#### Closed-Ended Questions to Open-Ended Questions







#### **Boomerang Question**

- Redirect a question back to the learner
- Example: "That's a good question. What do you think ought to be done in that situation?"







# Open And Closed Ended Activity





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#### Giving Feedback









- To reinforce corrections
- To point out actions that need to be corrected through further practice





#### Feedback Techniques

#### Praise

- Let trainees know how well they are doing
- Use sincere praise to create a more constructive atmosphere







## Clarifying

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- Restate what you heard the trainee say
- Listen for confirmation that what you are saying is correct
- Encourage trainees to tell you if you are right or wrong



Clarify

### Giving Feedback

#### Effective job coaches:

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- Give plenty of timely positive feedback
- Give negative feedback privately
- Accept criticism without becoming defensive





#### Informal versus Formal Feedback

Informal Feedback – **Given as issues arise** 

#### Formal Feedback – Given at specified times





## Communications Skills Summary







- Job Coach's responsibilities
- Supervisor's responsibilities
- Trainee responsibilities

#### A Job Coach is part of a team.





### Responsibilities

- Job Coach's responsibilities include
  - Assessing trainee knowledge and skills
  - Organizing and planning training
  - Developing relationship with the trainee
  - Teaching knowledge and skills
  - Evaluating progress

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– Suggesting changes needed to the program



## Unit 3

# Characteristics of Student Learners





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- Characteristics of student Learners
- Experience and Learning
- Effective Job Coaching
- Effective Assessment

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- Job Coaching Checklist
- Steps to Successful Job Coaching





### **Characteristics of student** Learners Goal-Selforiented directed **Experience**-**Problem**based centered **Practical**

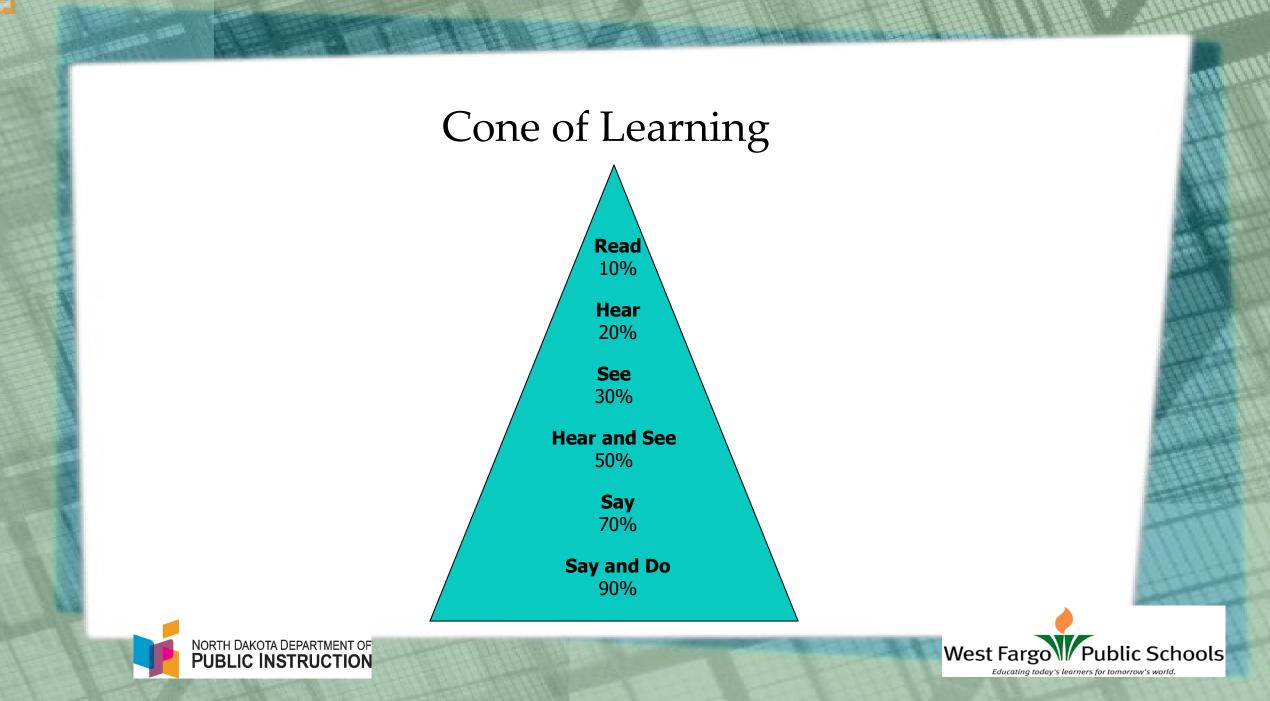




# **Student Learner Activity**







## Effective Job Coaching

- Clear Goals
- Valid Content
- Appropriate Delivery Method
- Assessment
- Remediation

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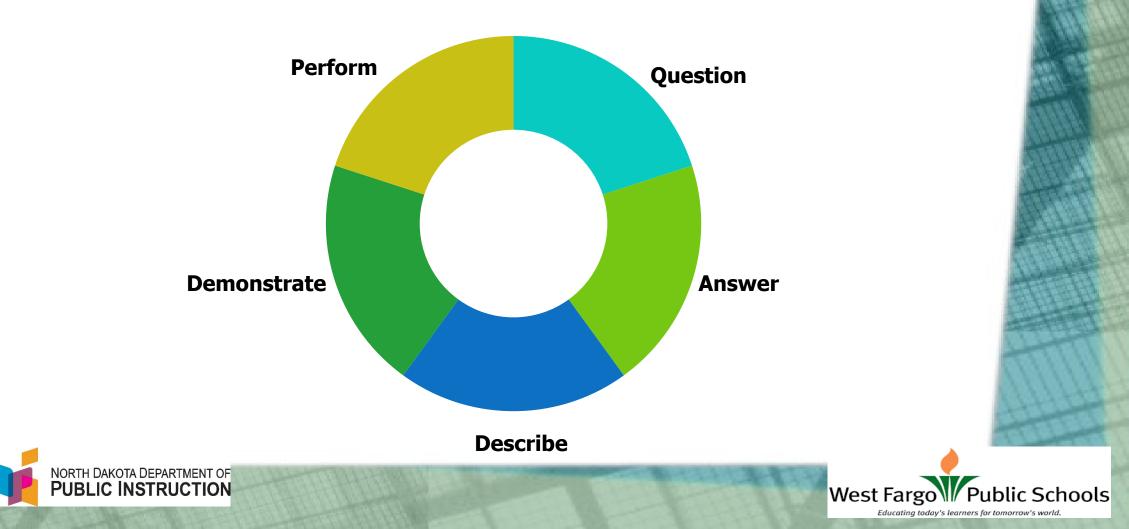
#### Effective Job Coaching Activity







#### Effective Assessment



# Job Coaching Checklist

#### Job aid to use

- As you are preparing to job coach
- While you are job coaching
- For self-evaluation







### Steps to Successful Job Coaching

1. Focus

#### THEN

- 2. Explain and Demonstrate
  - 3. Observe
- └── 4. Feedback

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# Unit 4: Job Coaching Practice







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- Create a teaching outline
- Take turns as job coach, trainee, and observer





# Job Coaching to Different Skill Levels Activity

Match your job coaching to the trainee

- Assess the trainee's knowledge and skill
- Adjust your teaching to that level

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#### Unit 5









- What Is a Job Coach?
- Establishing Rapport and Relationships
- Job Coaching students learners
- Preparing a Training Outline
- Job Coaching Practice











# **Job Coaching Readiness**

Assessment The self-assessment determines self-

- Your strengths
- Things you can work on to improve your success as a job coach





# Workshop Expectations







#### Job Coaching Skills Workshop Evaluation

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