Cutting Edge Strategies to Maintaining (and Growing) Your Professional Development and Continuing Education Budget



Congratulations for Being Here! You Won't Hear Me Until You Know Me...



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Write Down Your Top 3 Training and Development Challenges

- 1. I wish I could...
- 2. If only...
- 3. If I could change...

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3 Myths You've Been Led to Believe About Training and Development

- 1. "There are no dollars available, no budget"
 - Self Funding
- 2. "We don't have time to send you..."
- 3. "We're too busy running the business..."
 - This is the problem, which is why we need T&D



Friendly Reminder



"Minds are like parachutes they only function when open."

~ Lord Thomas Robert Dewar

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3 Common Mistakes

MISTAKE #1 Selling the Ingredients-NOT the Cookie (PROFIT)



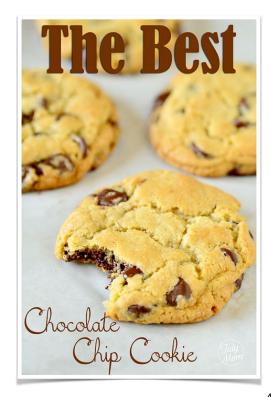
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PROFIT is Your Chocolate Chip Cookie

Ingredients:

- 1. Policies
- 2. Procedures/Processes
- 3. PEOPLE-most important asset
 - Training and Development
- 4. Performance Measurement/Management



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3 Common Mistakes

MISTAKE #2 Positioning Training as a Project NOT a PROGRAM



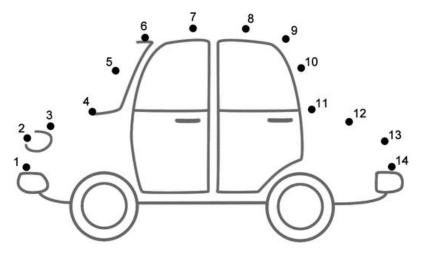
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3 Common Mistakes

MISTAKE #3

Not Connecting the Dots From Company Goals to Training and Development



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3 Words You Should Never Use...

- 1. COST
- 2. EXPENSE
- 3. PRICE
- 4. PURCHASE (bonus)

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Replace With Investment...

Warren Buffett

"Invest in Yourself Before Anything Else"



"Investing in Yourself is **the best thing You can do**anything that improves Your own talents."





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Don't Get Mad...Get Data!

PRE-

- 1. Who Gets Selected to Attend?
- 2. What Topics are You Selecting?
- 3. How Will They Help You IMPROVE xyz (Company Goals)?



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DURING-

- 1. Prioritize to Get Your 3 Drops
- 2. Who do You Want to Meet and Why?
- 3. Get "Them" a Thank You Gift



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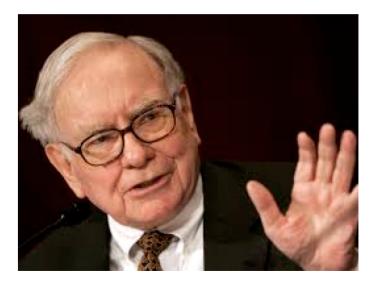
AFTER-

- 1. Calculate the ROI of Your 3 Drops
- 2. Share the Love, Teach Others
- 3. USE it or LOSE it!



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