The Quest to Provide the “Ungovernment Experience”

How Leadership Development and the LPI are Changing the Culture of a Traditional Government Agency!
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Purpose and Format

- Tell the story at the Palm Beach County Tax Collector’s Office
- Discuss how LPI and Leadership Training Program helped to reposition the entire culture of this organization
- Talk about tough decisions
- Provide examples and inspiration
- Q & A
It was a gloomy and scary environment!

- Under the watchful eye of “a Clark” (Allen Clark and John Clark served as tax collectors for combined 32 years!) employees were kept in silos, communication was stifled, and management was punitive.

- The leaders were “do-ers”, responsible for getting the job done.

- The primary charge was “collect the money” and “distribute the money” without mistake – or else!
No Senior Leader Team, No Strategy, No Individual Development Plans, No Communication

It made the waters rough and difficult to navigate!

The Bureaucratic Boat!
Then Anne was Elected in 2006!

With a very different vision, she set a course to calmer waters!
We set a course for calmer seas!

To leave the mainland of bureaucracy and head for the islands of UN-GOVERNMENT!

Using our compass, we aimed for leadership, strategic plans and purposeful fact based decision making, employee engagement and customer centric environment!

To round the first marker we needed Mission, Vision and Values!
Mission & Vision

VISION
As a world class organization we enthusiastically work together to create and deliver the highest standards of service excellence.

MISSION
The Palm Beach County Tax Collector’s Office collects and distributes taxes and fees for the benefit of our community.

Collect  Educate  Distribute
Core Values

- Creativity
- Diversity
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Integrity
- Learning
- Fiscal Responsibility
Tools used to change the culture

- Organizational Brilliance Assessment
- Formal, annual strategic planning process involving SLT, Managers, and Supervisors
- Systematic approach to open 3-way communication and process improvement
- Performance improvement methodology including KBL (Knowledge Based Leadership and Captain OFIE)
- Leadership Assessment using LPI 360
Senior Leader Mission

- Set Clear Direction and expectations and being accountable for achieving mission
- To create an environment that encourages empowerment, innovation and learning
- Lead by values and by example
  - If we lead by values we create the culture that we want
Leadership Performance Index & Individual Development Plan

SYNTHESIZING LPI WITH IDP
The LPI and IDP Overview and Purpose

- Be self aware
- Manage your emotions
- Activity seek feedback from trustworthy/trusting buddies
- Take the initiative
- Use each other as coaches
- Develop a plan for improvement - IDP
- Set goals
- Practice, Practice, Practice
- Measure progress
- Reward yourself
- Be honest with yourself and humble with others
# How LPI links with IDP Roles

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The Model Collaborator Models the Way by:

- Clarifies values by finding your voice and affirming shared values
- Sets the example by aligning actions with shared values
- Is clear about his/her philosophy of leadership
- Makes certain that people adhere to agreed-on standards
- Sets a personal example of what is expected
- Follows through on promises and commitments
- Asks for feedback on how his/her actions affect people’s performance
The Outcome Facilitator Inspires a Shared Vision by:

- Paints “Big Picture” of group aspirations
- Describes a compelling image of the future
- Speaks with conviction about meaning of work
- Appeals to others to share dream of the future
- Talks about future trends influencing our work
- Shows others how their interests can be realized
The Inspired Solution Seeker
Challenges the Process by:

- Searches for opportunities by seizing the initiative and by looking outward for innovative ways to improve
- Experiments and take risks by constantly generating small wins and learning from experience
- Searches outside organization for innovative ways to improve
- Makes certain that goals, plans, and milestones are set
- Experiments and takes risks
- Challenges people to try new approaches
- Seeks challenging opportunities to test skills
- Asks “What can we learn?”
The Attentive, Resourceful Practitioner

Enables Others to Act by:

- Fosters collaboration by building trust and facilitating relationships
- Strengthens others by increasing self-determination & developing competence
- Treats people with dignity and respect
- Ensures people grow in their jobs
- Gives people choice about how to do their work
- Supports decisions other people make
- Develops cooperative relationships
- Actively listens to diverse points of view
The Trusted Guide
Encourages the Heart by:

- Recognizes contributions by showing appreciation for individual excellence
- Celebrates the values and victories by creating a spirit of community
- Finds ways to celebrate accomplishments
- Expresses confidence in people’s abilities
- Recognizes people for commitment to shared values
- Creatively rewards people for their contributions
- Gives team members appreciation and support
- Praises people for a job well done
Exactly how difficult is this?

On a scale of 1 to 10...!
The sixth Role for all Palm Beach County Tax Collector employees is the Active Learner which drives employees to strive for personal and professional achievement of the 5 LPI principles! We aim to create Leaders at all Levels!
And Fish is How we make it FUN!

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