



Building your Partner in Prevention... One Partner at a Time

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Welcome

Partner...

Define—

a person who takes part in an undertaking with another or others, especially in a business or company with shared risks and profits.

Synonyms—

colleague, associate, coworker, fellow worker, collaborator, comrade, teammate

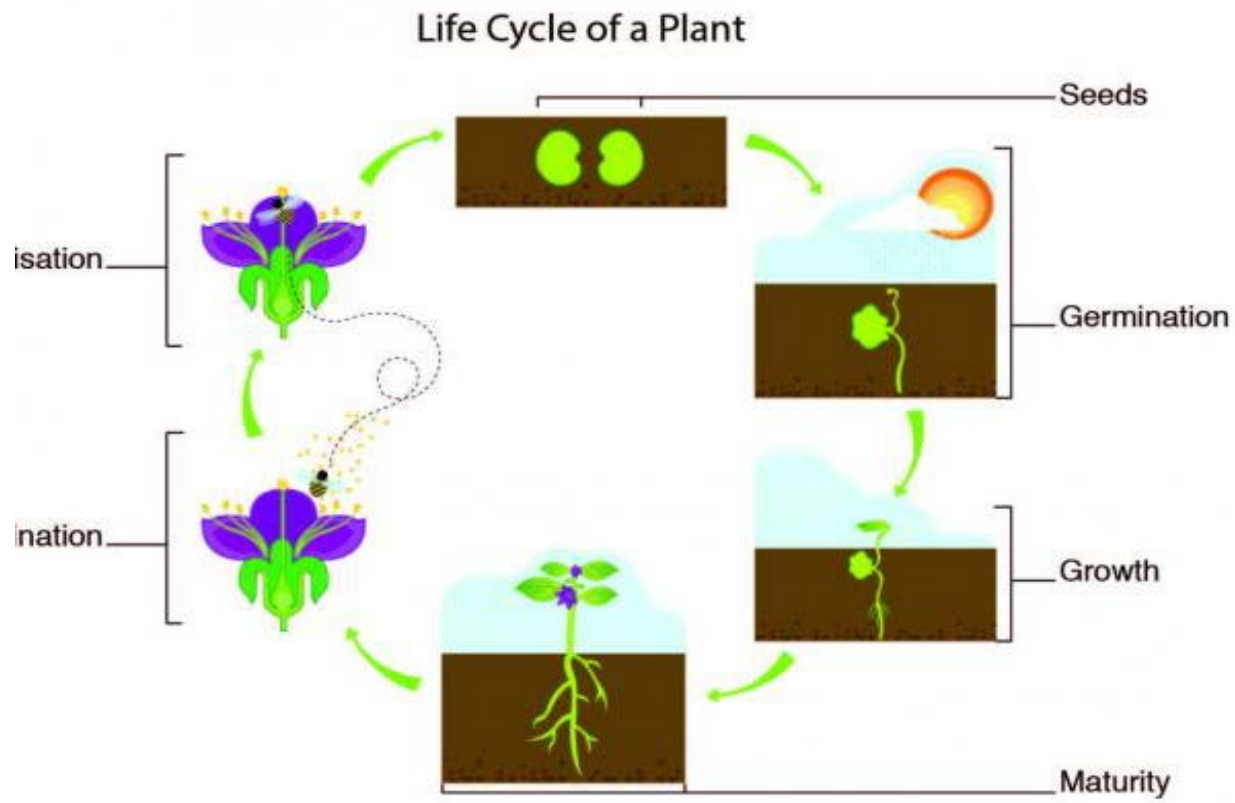
How do I build my Partner in Prevention?

Engage

Develop

Partner

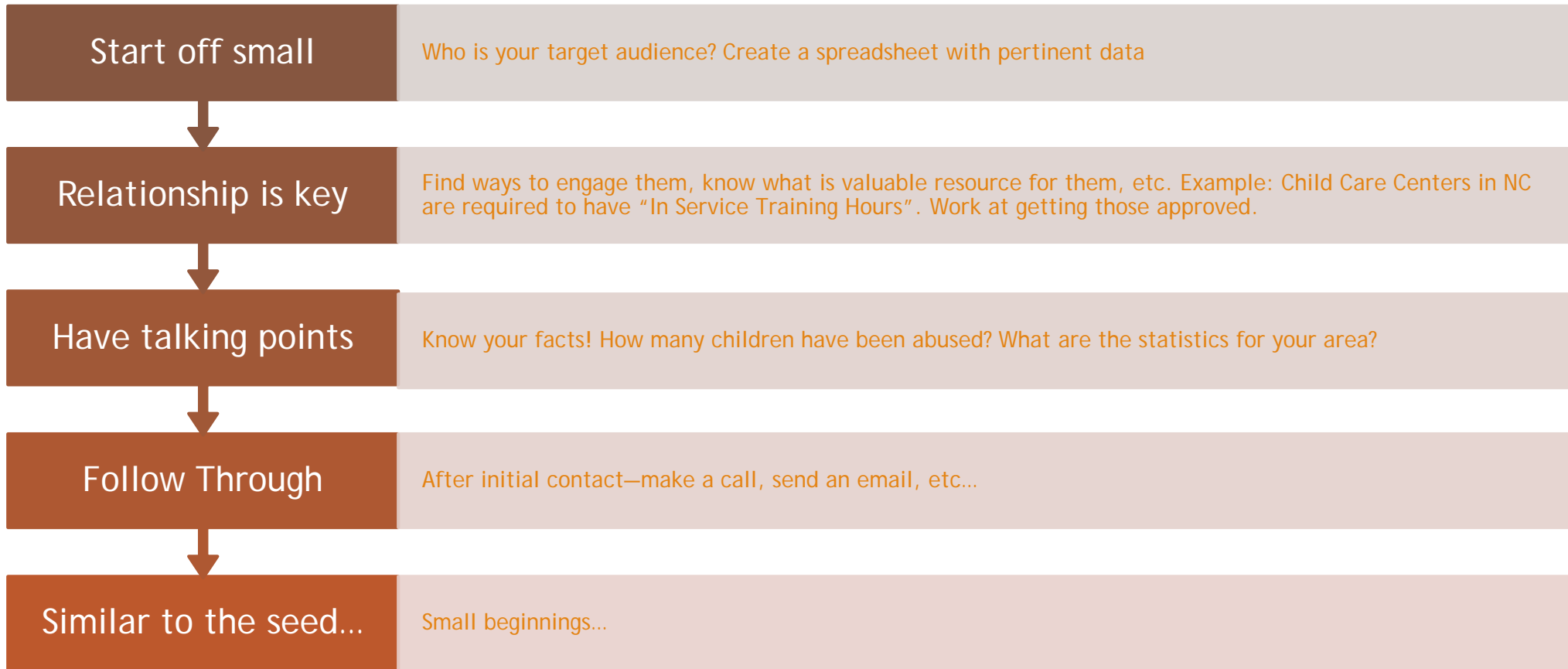
The Building of the Partners



- ▶ Much like a plant growing!
- ▶ Start with a seed
- ▶ Watch it grow
- ▶ Begins to get stronger (understanding)
- ▶ Sharing with others
- ▶ Begins to multiply



Engage





The Beginning ~ Seed Stage

The plant life cycle starts with a seed; every seed has potential for growth.

Our 'potential' PIPs have potential for growth.

The Beginning



Engaging your 'seed'

- ▶ Who is it?
- ▶ As you share your mission who will be impacted or receive benefits?
- ▶ Is there a purpose?
- ▶ What is the end result?

Seed = Child Abuse Prevention

- ▶ What is their role in community youth serving agency or not?
 - ▶ Families
 - ▶ Help
 - ▶ Hope
 - ▶ Healing
 - ▶ To protect children from becoming victimized from any form of abuse
 - ▶ Freedom from abuse

Resources for Engagement



- ▶ Community Displays
- ▶ Speaking to the stakeholders in your community
 - ▶ Law Enforcement
 - ▶ DSS
 - ▶ School System
 - ▶ Youth Serving Organizations
 - ▶ Higher education -universities, technical schools who are training nurses, social workers, EMTs, etc...
- ▶ Hosting Awareness Events
 - ▶ Community Café's
 - ▶ Prevention Breakfast (lunch)
 - ▶ Forum

Develop

Stratergies

How to's

Questions



Germination

When a seed falls on the ground it needs warmth and water in order to germinate; some seeds also need light.

Germination = Conversations



Begin the conversations

- ▶ Focus on a specific area to begin efforts
 - ▶ Ex: Child Care Centers
- ▶ Send out a mailing inviting people to participate
- ▶ Meet a point of contact for lunch or breakfast—pay for it if you can
- ▶ Have printed materials you can leave for them to review at their leisure

Follow-up

- ▶ Find time to reach out to those you sent a mailing to via a personal phone call
- ▶ Call the person you met for a meal and see if there are any questions
- ▶ Offer to send more information if they are still questioning
 - ▶ Sending a web link of the curriculum
- ▶ Have testimonials from others who have done it before



Growth

In order to complete the life cycle of growth, there must be nutrients to draw from. Some may bloom within days, while it takes others months or even years.

Partner



Support

- Submit PIP application as courtesy

Maintain

- Continuous Communication
- "Check in"
- Offer training for new hires/volunteers

Recognize

- Public listing of PIPs in community
- Social Media
- Event to highlight

Growth = “Light”



- ▶ Agencies, groups, individuals are signing up
- ▶ These same people want more
- ▶ Provide them with the community resource sheet with places to call for more information
- ▶ Send a handwritten thank you for willingness to have the workshop
- ▶ If your agency can, find ways to partner, recognize them perhaps throughout the year



Reproduction

Inside the bud, a tiny but complete form of growth is noticeable. This growth can take on many different forms. The growth can be very attractive, colorful and may even have a scent that attracts pollination. This phase of the cycle can be very exciting.

Reproduction = Multiplying



- ▶ More opportunities arising
- ▶ Volunteers
- ▶ Create a Prevention Workshop Agency Agreement
- ▶ Develop a community committee that shares the load
 - ▶ Community Coalition
 - ▶ Meets monthly
 - ▶ Youth serving organizations representative
 - ▶ At large community members



Pollination Exciting Partnerships—New and Old

The different forms of growth may only have certain parts. Such as in flowering pollination it is referred to as female and male parts. These “growths” depend on others to help carry the pollen (message) to others. They can be bright, colorful, strong smell that is very attractive.



Spreading Seed

This is the final stage of the Life Cycle. Seeds are spread in different ways. Example—Dandelion seeds are spread by the wind, water lilies rely on the water, while others wait for assistance in spreading the seed.

The seed then falls again...and the life cycle starts all over again.

Pollination = Sharing



- ▶ Believe in your mission!
 - ▶ Why are you doing this?
- ▶ Even when it seems hard!
 - ▶ You will fight the nay sayers! The no time for that!
- ▶ Be **READY** to share!
 - ▶ Never know when opportunity may come your way
- ▶ Never give up!
 - ▶ Believe in yourself!
 - ▶ The children are counting on us!

Their Faces...



They're counting on us!

How's your Partner in Prevention growing?

Share with your neighbor what you are doing in prevention.



Questions????

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