# **Employee Onboarding: The Key to a Successful and Happy Staff**

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# Insource Services, Inc.



At Insource, we believe that HR, Finance & IT start with people



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#### What We Do:

- Full department outsourcing generally part-time and long-term
- "A la carte" services
- Assessments
- Trainings
- Project/interim assignments

#### **How We Do It:**

- Seek to understand client businesses and mission
- Experienced, expert senior account leaders
- Account team with multiple skill levels; work is performed at the most cost-effective level
- Approximately 75 employees



# Agenda

## I. Nonprofit realities

- Lean staffing
- Common hiring and onboarding pitfalls
- Strategies to avoid falling into the pit

## II. Onboarding - Framework for a more impactful process

- Goals of onboarding
- Conceptual framework

## **III. Tools, Tips & Checklists**

- Insource an example
- Day one paperwork, introductions, common concerns
- 30-60-90 days

## IV. Summary and Questions



## **Non-Profit Realities**



- Lack of HR and hiring expertise HR as a junior administrative function or HR as a Finance function until there is a problem. Overly complex hiring processes or not rigorous enough hiring processes
- Limited, traditional benefit packages or choppy generic programs not customized to culture or demographics
- Missed opportunities to capitalize on standard processes you are doing already – high impact points of influence
- Lack of access to information about how organizations like yours handle these functions



## **Common Pitfalls**

- Over or under building systems complicated processes that are challenging to institutionalize or no standard systems
- Hiring inefficient processes and standards or none at all
- Untrained staff handling high touch interactions
- Undervaluing the hiring, onboarding, and exit processes
- Viewing HR as a set of rules vs. a form of marketing for your brand
- Processes are out of legal compliance documentation, administration, etc.



# Strategies to Avoid Falling Into the Pit

- Know what you know, know when you need expertise
- Remember that whomever handles HR for you is your face to the external world – to candidates, to new hires, those who leave happily or not so happily
- Add value to high touch employee interaction processes



# Strategies to Avoid Falling Into the Pit

- Hiring is marketing to all of the candidates you don't hire, do it well and respectfully
- Have systems and standards they make you look and work better
- Use tools and templates that can be customized





# **Onboarding**

- Opportunity to market the company benefits & professionalism –sets a tone.
- Opportunity to develop a rapport at a mid to high level do not delegate to a junior person.
- Use this initial meeting well; 50% of the people you on-board will later be involved in an employment matter.



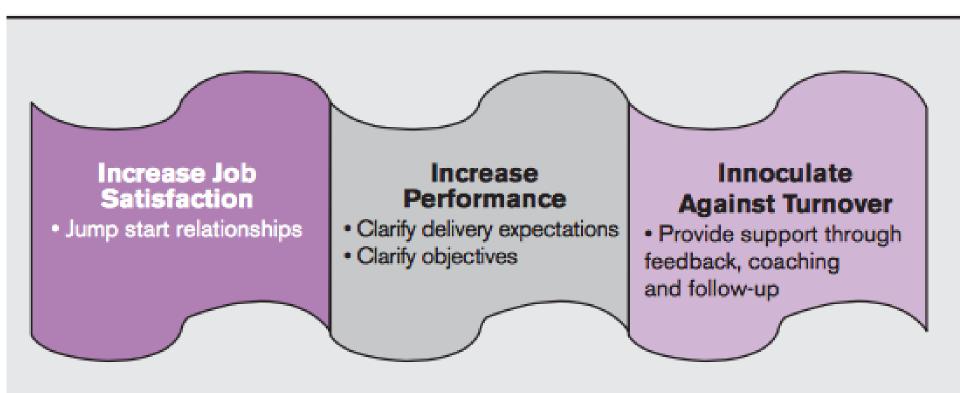


# **Goals of Onboarding**

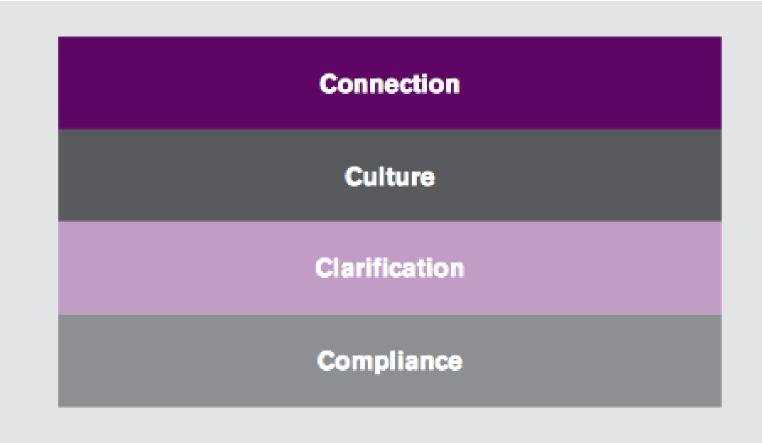
- Help new employees adjust to company culture, social environment, and performance aspects of their role and responsibilities
- 2. Greater job satisfaction, confidence, and sense of contribution
- 3. Less stress
- 4. Greater organizational commitment

The quicker new hires feel welcomed and are prepared for THEIR job, the quicker they can contribute.





Onboarding helps new employees adjust to their jobs by establishing better relationships to increase satisfaction, clarifying expectations and objectives to improve performance, and providing support to help reduce unwanted turnover.



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# Onboarding at Insource

## Things to consider:

- Offer letter, accompanying documents with detailed instructions — what to bring, who to report to, where to go, etc.
- First day or week itinerary
- Personalized welcome letter include vision, value, and ethos
- Employee handbook
- Other:
- What needs to be done in preparation for Day 1?
  - Desk set-up (Includes technology, phone, etc.)
  - Business cards



# Tips for the Onboarding

- Develop some common ground, let the employees talk about themselves, learn a little about what makes them tick within their personal (revealed) context
- Educate them about the benefits don't just fill out forms
- Establish yourself as a resource and a point of contact
- On average these meetings should take 1-1.5 hours





## NEO - DAY 1

- Be aware of the competing cares. What are employees thinking about?
  - Making a good impression
  - Fit
  - Feeling confident
- Compliance (paperwork, signatures etc.)
- Present vision, value, and ethos





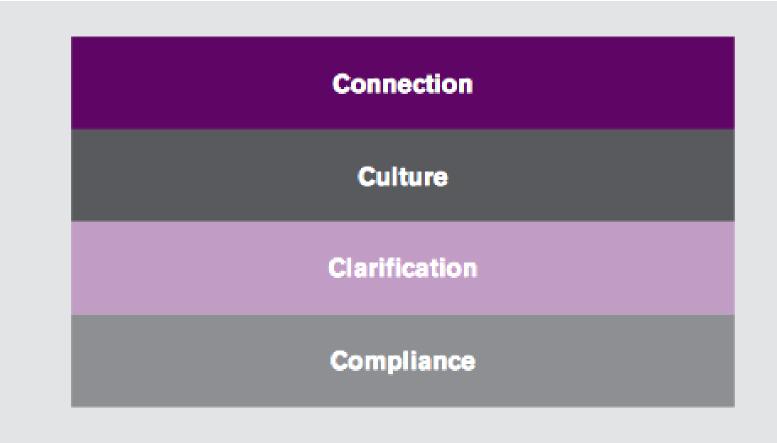
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- Assign a buddy (peer partner)
- Schedule check in times at strategic intervals
  - Everyday for the first week
  - Every other day the second week
  - Once a week for the 6 weeks
  - Every other week for the next month



Researchers have found that new employees are more likely to have learned and internalized the key values of their organization's culture if they had spent time with a mentor. ~ Bauer & Green





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# NEO - Day 1: Sample Agenda

#### I. Prime & Clarify

- **CULTURE & CLARFICATION**
- Make the employee feel good!
- You were not hired, you were chosen!

#### **II. Welcome & Introductions**

#### III. Compliance & Tour

**COMPLIANCE** 

Paperwork & Policies

## **IV. Seminal Company Information**

**CULTURE & CLARFICATION** 

· Vision, Mission, Values, etc.

#### V. Peer Partner

**CONNECTION** 

Introduction to mentor & lunch

VI. Clarifying Questions

**CLARIFY** 

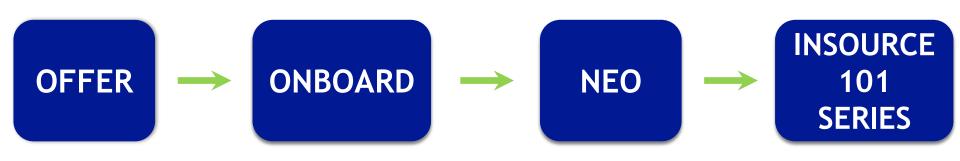
VII. Key people

**CONNECTION** 

VIII. "All Aboard!"









## **Question & Answer**

## Thank You!



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