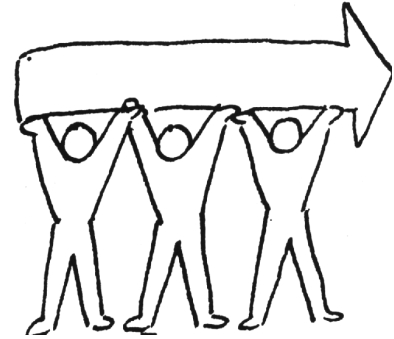


COMMUNICATION LINE



OBJECTIVE:

To illustrate the different communication styles of team members and to stress the importance of each individual's contribution to the team.

MATERIALS:

A piece of masking tape long enough so that all team members can stand on the tape in a straight line.

PROCEDURE:

1. Place the masking tape on the floor in a straight line.
2. Instruct team members to position themselves on the line based on the extent to which they communicate in the team's meetings. One end of the line represents the most vocal, and the other represents the least vocal.

GROUND RULES:

- Participants may not talk during the exercise.
- Team members may move other individuals around if they feel someone is not positioned correctly on the line.
- Individuals do not have to stay where others moved them if they don't feel the new location fits.

DEBRIEF QUESTIONS:

- Why did you place yourself where you did?
- Why did you move someone to a new position?
- Do you agree with the location where others placed you?
- Why do you communicate at the level you do?
- What information/value does each person bring to the team?
- What or how should individual team members be communicating more/less?