

# CONFRONTATION & CONNECTION

# VISION

We imagine a society where leaders have the skills and courage to care.

# MISSION

We offer transformational learning experiences that strengthen relationships, align teams, and build stronger communities.

# Leadership Philosophy

Everyone has the capacity for leadership

Leadership impacts all aspects of life – family, workplace, & community

Leadership is a privilege and a profound responsibility



# Learning Objectives



After completing this session, participants will be able to:

- Consider how they want to lead in challenging conversations.
- Understand skills and a framework for confronting with care
- Explore confrontation as an opportunity to connect.

# Reflect and Respond

Consider a current relationship where you find that you are regularly 'bugged'.

- How do you typically respond?
- What goal do you have in mind for this relationship?





How do you typically respond when you are regularly bugged by someone?







# Three Moves



**Accept** the Behavior

I change to see that which originally upset me as something I can now accept



I change the situation by removing what originally upset me from the scene



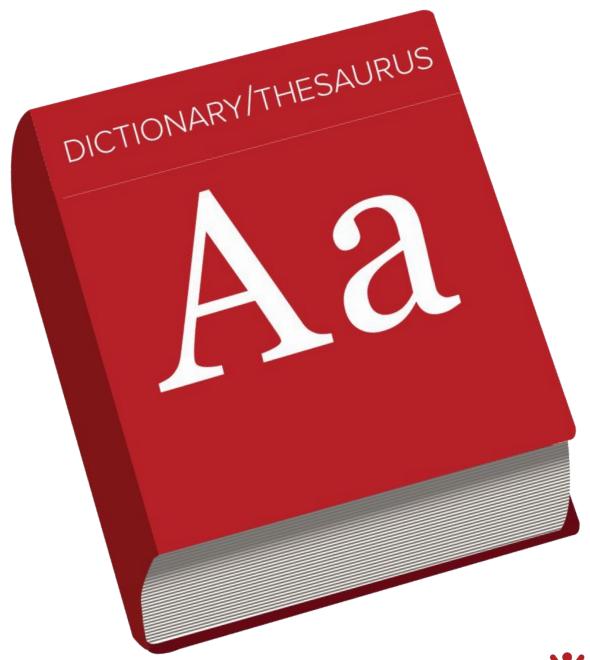
CONFRONT

**I CHANGE** 

# Confrontation Defined

Confrontation is to face someone with the **facts** and **feelings** of my problem and **ask for change.** 

Confrontation is simply a **conversation starter.** 

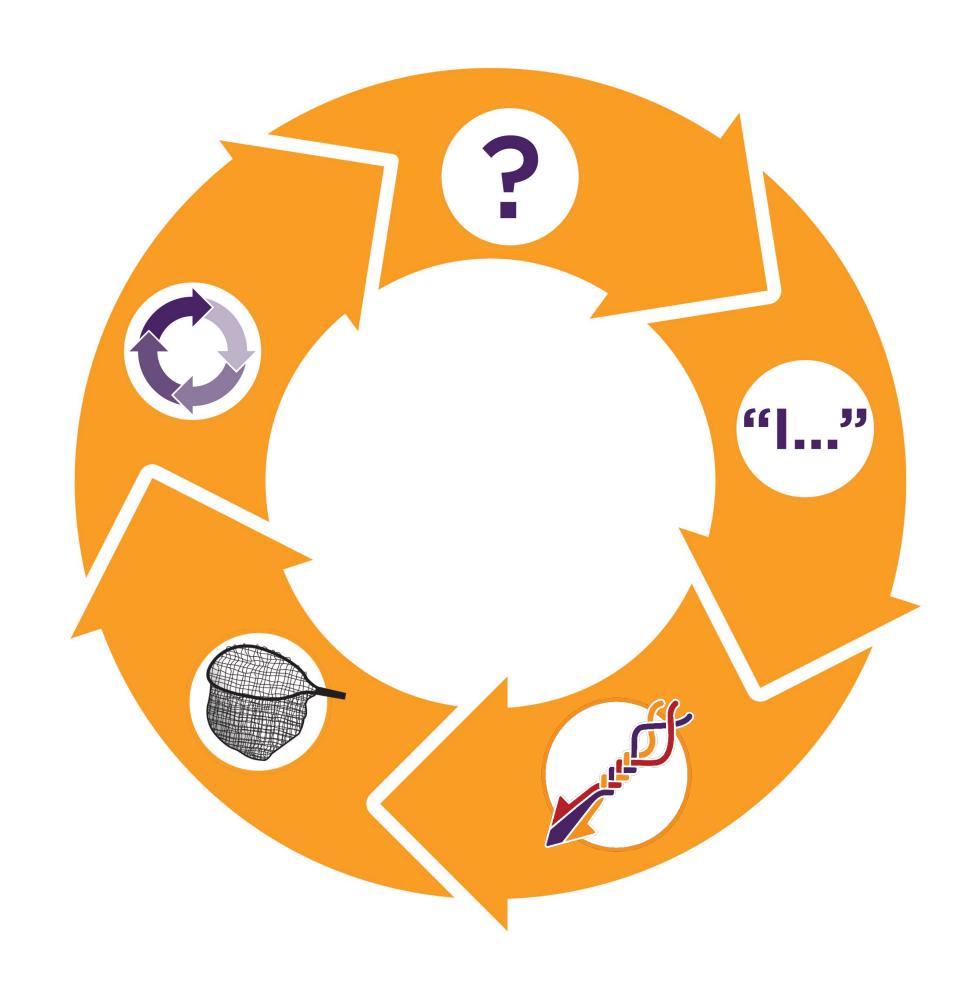






# How to Confront

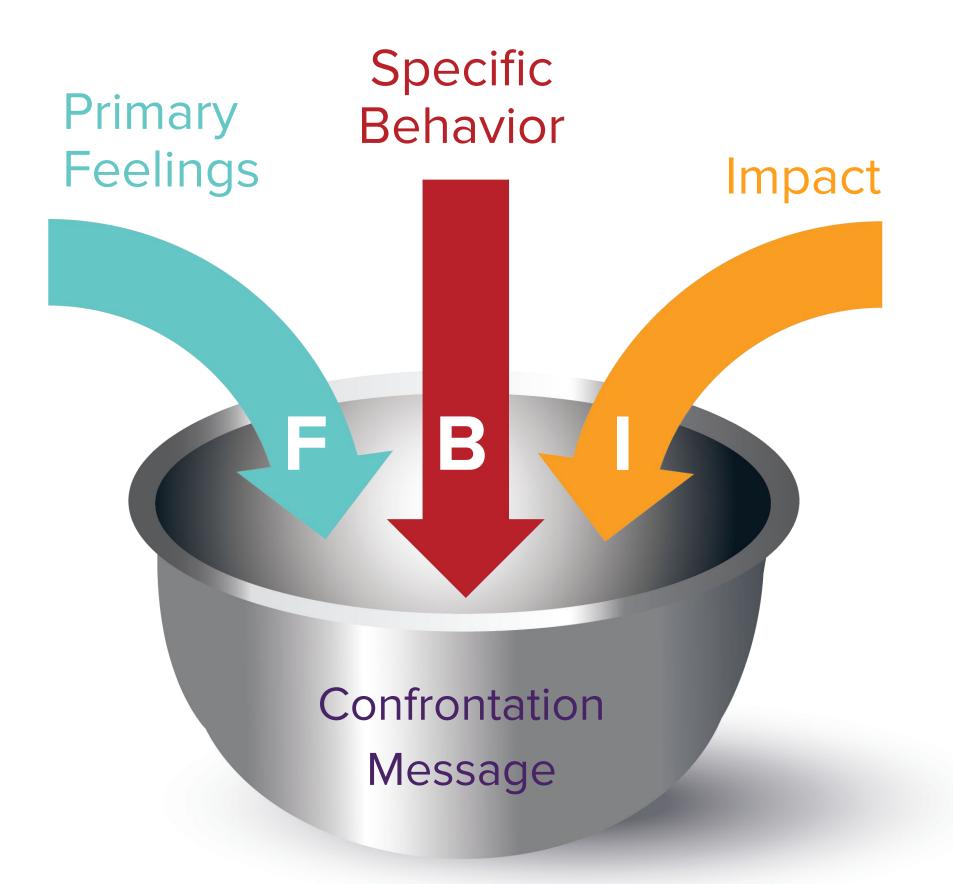
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- 5. Repeat as needed





# Crafting Your Confrontation Message

- Include three ingredients
- FBI: Feelings, Behavior,
   Impact
- The order is flexible



# Feelings and **Emotions**

# **Benefits**

- Emotional intelligence is a key mark of outstanding leadership
- Generate less defensiveness
- Provide a clear understanding of our needs

### **ANNOYED**

bitter edgy exasperated frustrated grumpy impatient irritable irked

### **ANGRY**

agitated enraged exasperated furious irate outraged resentful upset

### **AVERSION**

appalled contempt disgusted dislike horrified repulsed

## **CONFUSED**

baffled bewildered dazed hesitant lost mystified perplexed puzzled torn

## **DISCOMFORT**

agitated alarmed discombobulated disturbed perturbed rattled restless shocked startled surprised troubled turbulent uncomfortable uneasy unsettled

### DISCONNECTED

apathetic bored distant distracted indifferent numb uninterested withdrawn

### **EMBARRASSED**

ashamed flustered guilty self-conscious

# **FEARFUL**

afraid apprehensive anxious distress frightened hesitant nervous panicked paralyzed petrified scared tense terrified

## **PAIN**

worried

agony devastated grief heartbroken hurt lonely miserable regretful remorseful

SAD depressed despondent disappointed discouraged disheartened dismayed gloomy heavy hearted hopeless troubled unhappy wretched

### STRESSED/TIRED

burnt out depleted exhausted fatigued listless overwhelmed restless sleepy weary worn out

### **VULNERABLE**

fragile guarded helpless insecure leery reserved sensitive shaky tender

### **YEARNING**

envious jealous longing pining wishful

### AFFECTION

caring compassionate desire friendly loving loyal passionate sympathetic tender

warm

### **COURAGEOUS**

adventurous brave capable confident daring determined free proud valiant

worthy

### **GLAD**

alive amazed amused awed delighted ecstatic encouraged energetic enthusiastic excited gleeful happy hopeful inspired invigorated joyful lively motivated optimistic pleased

alive energized invigorated refreshed reiuvenated relaxed renewed

# **GRATEFUL**

thrilled

wonder

appreciative moved thankful touched

## HOPEFUL

encouraged expectant optimistic

### **INTERESTED**

absorbed accepting alert attentive curious eager enchanted engaged fascinated intrigued open receptive spellbound stimulated

### **PEACEFUL**

calm centered comfortable centerer composed content fulfilled grounded patient present relaxed relieved satisfied serene trusting

# **RESTED**

alert strong



Ingredient 2 - Specific Behavior (not Judgment)

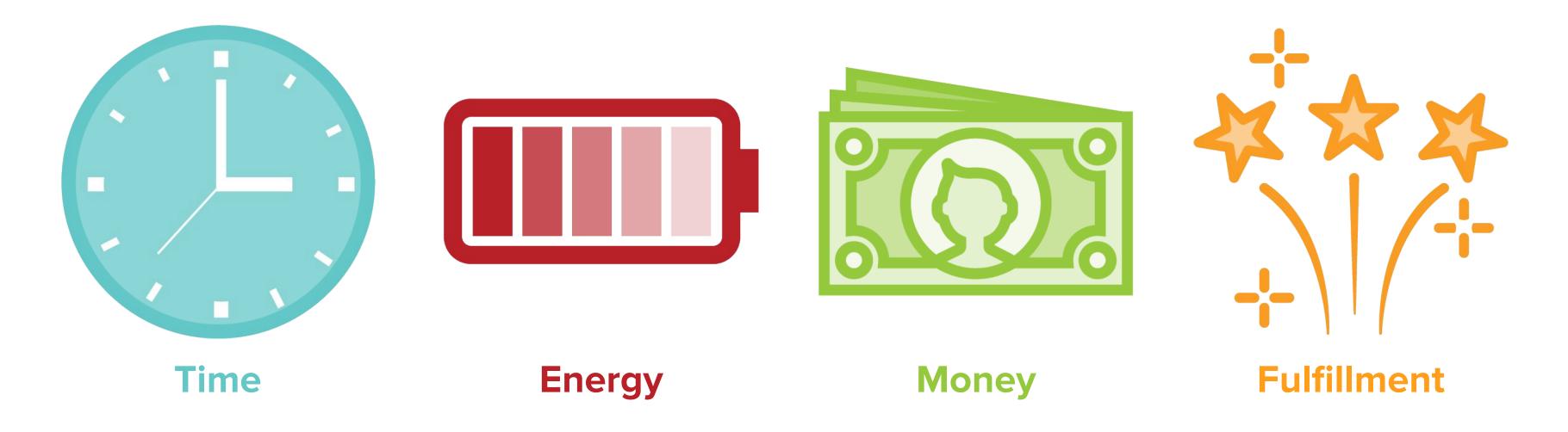
- Behavior can be seen & heard it's factual
- Judgments are opinions we form based on our perspectives and beliefs
- •We **label** others by **attaching judgments** to their behaviors
- Often we wrap behaviors in judgment statements





# Ingredient 3 - Impact

**Critical Question:** What impact is the other person's specific behavior having on me, the team, or the organization?



# Completed Confrontation Message

- 1. The primary feeling(s)
- 2. The specific behavior
- 3. The impact(s)

"Pete, I am anxious; you have been late for work three times this week. It's affecting productivity and forcing the team to play 'catch up'."

"Jim, I overheard you say, 'Tim is incompetent' to a customer. I'm concerned about what the customer thinks and how this reflects on our team."



# Think of the relationship you considered at the start of our session:

- Identify the F.B.I.
  - Feelings
  - Behavior
  - Impact
- Craft a confrontation message

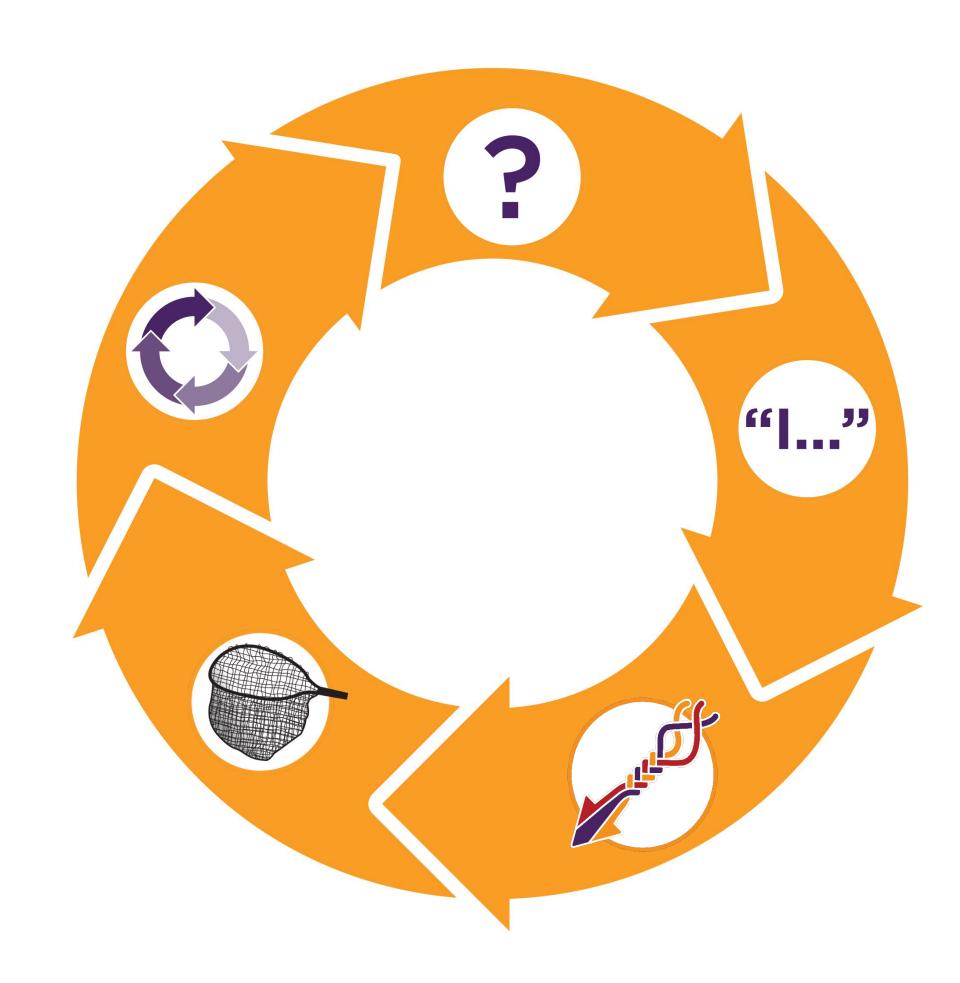






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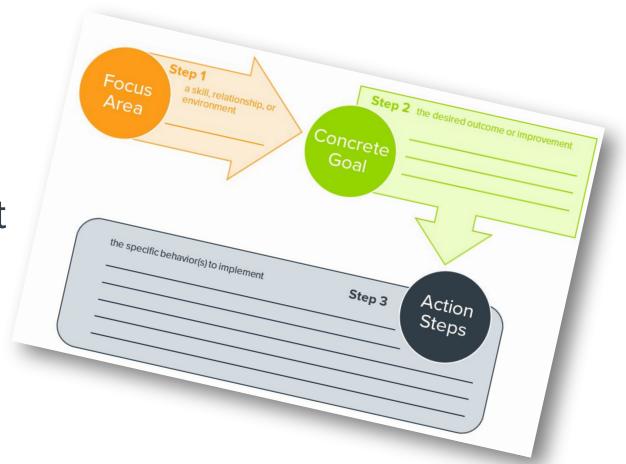




Five Reflective Listening Skills

# Personal Action Plan

- What skills would you like to focus on?
- What changes would you like to make?
- Goal setting:
  - Focus Area Skill, Relationship or Environment
  - Concrete Goal Desired Outcome or Improvement
  - Action Steps Specific Tactics to Implement





# Next Steps

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