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Work From Home: 10 Lessons to Elevate Agent Experiences

Agent Satisfaction = Customer Satisfaction





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Today's Agenda:



Remote Customer Service Ops:

• Short AND Long-term Strategies **Building and Managing Teams** • 10 Years, 10 Lessons Learned



A remote workforce has always had its benefits

It's now a necessity for every service delivery strategy

demand



- Expand your recruiting talent pool
- Create opportunities for remote talent
- Flexibly match resources to service
- Enable business continuity



Considerations when building and managing a remote workforce?

Take a wholistic approach built around agent engagement



Change your recruiting process

Change your training process

Change your agent-facing tools



1. Managing People Remotely Isn't Easy

Motivation / Engagement

- 2. Make people feel part of the team
- Create social environments and opportunities
- 4. Personalize reward programs

Quality of Service / CX

- 5. Quality of work is of vital importance
- 6. Immediate feedback improves service
- Continuous improvement & skills development are crucial
- 8. Associate satisfaction = customer satisfaction

Performance / Productivity

- 9. People thrive in a competitive environment
- 10. Setting SMART goals helps people improve their performance



2. Making people feel like part of the team from miles away is key.

Tools to support virtual communications among agents, teams, team leaders

Support / create team-based identities

Put in place an early warning system for agents at risk

Methods and tools familiar to agents - social communities, activities, engagement



2. Making people feel like part of the team from miles away is key.

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3. Being social can be part of a remote work environment, just like a bricks & mortar office

Create high frequency touch and engagement

Run games / contests continuously

Enable the agents to engage

Use tools for a virtual social programs







4. People Prefer to Choose Their Own Rewards Customize, Customize, Customize

Create specialized / customized rewards to personal interests, demographics, regions, company values

Encourage the skills / behavior important to agent satisfaction and performance goals

Make administration objective, quantifiable, easy -- points system, flexible to customize, tracking, accurate







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5. Quality of Work is of Vital Importance

Immediacy of quality and performance feedback is important

Team leader role is foundational

Measuring team leader coaching abilities is critical

You need virtual tools in place for agents and team leads





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6. Immediate Feedback Helps Improve Customer Service

Faster feedback = bigger impact on overall CSAT stats and also the very next customer

Reinforces the agent's ability to connect the feedback to an issue or customer

Minimizes the opportunity to overlook important feedback





7. Setting SMART goals help people improve their performance.

Make agents accountable to their goals -- access to their stats, visibility on team member stats

Team Leader accountability for coaching to goals and effectiveness of coaching

Team leader tools for managing coachings sessions in progress and identifying priority coaching opportunities



8. Associate Satisfaction = Customer Satisfaction

Measure agent / associate satisfaction

Metrics and tools used to measure agent satisfaction

Early warning systems - identify agents at risk

9. People Thrive in a Competitive Environment

Healthy competition is good

Transparency is good

Consider the tools / programs to support a healthy virtual environment







9. People Thrive in a Competitive Environment

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10. Continuous Improvement & Skills Development Are Crucial for Associate Growth

Virtual tools and formats

Self-paced, self-training methods

Train to work-at-home practices and skills





As you move to a higher mix of remote workers, **Playvox can help create** that environment

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Work from Home is a reality: part of every company's new workforce strategy



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Motivation

Recognize and reward your agents for achievements to goals.

Training

Train new hires and conduct remedial training on the same platform.

Coaching

Leverage team leaders to develop agent skills.

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Quality

Identify priority issues for agent coaching and training.

Performance

Track agent performance to key metrics.