

Appreciation Styles Guide Corrections



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Appreciation Style	How to Appreciate	Pointers
Acts of Service	 Solving problems Shifting workloads Removing barriers Helping with a project Mediating conflicts 	 Service acts come in all sizes Be attentive to needs at all levels of your organization Ask before helping Respect their way Finish what you start Get clarification and feedback
Tangible Gifts	 Personalization is the key Know hobbies and interests Know favorite things (color, treats) Know dislikes and allergies Understand personal values 	 Give gifts to those who value them Gift something that has personal meaning or aligns with personal interests Include a personalized, handwritten note with the gift
Quality Time	 Mentorship/coaching time 1:1 Check-ins Team meetings Teams call/drop by workstation Sharing stories & experiences 	 Maintain eye contact (which communicates your presence and keeps you from getting distracted) Focus on the conversation, putting aside other things (don't multitask) Observe body language and listen for feelings and thoughts, not just words Paraphrase and seek clarification/ confirmation Affirm their feelings even if you disagree with the logic behind them Do not interrupt. Listen more than you speak.



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Words of Affirmation	 Get specific: "Good job" isn't enough. Appreciation and positive feedback is most effective when it's sincere and specific. Discuss the precise behavior or accomplishment you want to celebrate and highlight the impact/outcome on you, a customer, the team, or organization. Other ways to apply words of appreciation: Kudos boards, at team meetings, annual agency awards. 	 Praise for accomplishments Affirmation for personality Affirmation for character The context of affirmations matters. Affirmations should be done with in positive context, e.g. not in the midst of a conflict, or with a negative tone of voice.
Physical Touch	 Fist bumps Two-handed handshake High fives Pat on the shoulder Brief hug (ask first) 	 Awareness: be mindful of possible cultural relevance Respectful interactions: ask to confirm Setting: in correctional settings physical touch may not be appropriate Context: practice professionalism Appropriateness: never touch anyone in a way that could be perceived as sexual in nature Safety: never compromise your physical or psychological safety