Managing Distance Teams (MDT) is a powerful learning program for managers of employees who work at a distance—at home, at other company sites, on the road, at client sites.

Managing Distance Teams is based on extensive global research. It starts by establishing a foundation for successful distance management by:

• addressing the myths and incorrect assumptions that managers often make about distance work and distance workers;
• providing an employee assessment tool for ensuring that managers have the workers who will be successful at a distance; and
• assessing managers’ own strengths and weaknesses as distance managers.

Managing Distance Teams provides unique tools, templates, and step-by-step methods for managing individuals and work teams at a distance. These include:

• establishing performance goals and expectations;
• building distance relationships and connections;
• delivering corrective feedback and coaching for improvement;
• setting up distance teams for success; and
• running effective meetings by telephone, e-mail, video, and on the web.

MDT concludes with an assessment of current team performance and provides next step actions in areas that need improvement. The result: a more effective and committed distance team.

MDT TOOLKIT

MANAGING DISTANCE TEAMS is built on practical tools, tips, and other resources with step-by-step action guides for managers:

• The Seven Principles of Managing Distance Work
• Distance Manager Self-Assessment (can also be used as a Prospective Distance Manager Assessment)
• Prospective Distance Employee Assessment
• Guidelines for Building Distance Relationships: The Four Dimensions
• Distance Feedback and Coaching Do’s and Don’ts
• Tip Sheets: E-Mail Communications, Running Teleconferences, Video Meetings and Conferences
• Distance Team Charter Guidelines
• Operating Agreements Checklist
• Tip Sheet: Best Practices for Maintaining Connections
• Distance Team Performance Assessment
• Intervening for High Performance Tool

LEARNING DESIGN OPTIONS

MDT is available in e-learning, classroom, and blended formats, and as an on-line toolkit. WFD also partners with learning & development groups to bring its distance work knowledge base, measurement capabilities, and curriculum design expertise to assess critical distance learning needs and create customized learning solutions.
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