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Individual commitment to a group effort...that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work"

Vince Lombardi

## Person Centered Planning & Thinking <u>The Three Mindful Moments</u>

This month we present the PCT 'Conflict' Tool—<u>The Three Mindful Moments</u> from PCP in Central Lancashire. Let's face it, there is no way around it, conflict arises—that's life. Each of us, depending on the situation as well, reacts differently. This tool is referred to as a reflective personal tool, that if used, allows you the opportunity to respond outside of the conflict/disagreement by practicing the three mindful moments. Here are the tips: Mentally step outside the conflict and while taking three deep breaths, take a moment to focus your attention to where you are in relation to the other person involved.

- 1) BREATHE: In this first moment of conflict—Ask yourself "What do I like and admire about the person?" This of course is a tool to help you remember that the person you are in conflict with—is a person with positive attributes and contributions. Central Lancashire is quick to point out that this first of the three deep breaths is the most important step—so try to focus (as hard as you think it is) to really find something and make a mental note of it! Remember, we are all human, and at this point in the conflict, this attribution that you will think of—hopefully will help give you a reason to really LISTEN well to the person, even if you do not agree with them. (I love this—but this is a quote "Try to do this before you start to see the other person growing horns")
- 2) BREATHE: The second mindful moment is another question: "What will keep us both safe in this conflict?" Considering the safety—meaning physical, mental and emotional—for both you and the other person. When you are in conflict with someone, you are removed from what is comfortable to you. Using voices that are respectful and (not condescending) and appropriate volume is one way to find a positive outcome.
- 3) BREATHE: The third and final mindful moment is to ask yourself: "What is important to the person that is motivating their disagreement with me?" Again, Lancashire says it best when they state: Most arguments are not debates between right and wrong, but between 'right and right'. The person who you are in conflict with, will undoubtedly hold the strong constitution and values to the same degree that is motivating you. It is important, again, to 'listen' for these values, as this can provide you with key language to direct the discussion in a manner that relates to their beliefs as well as your own.

Finding simple solutions in how we communicate, how we listen, recognizing value and identifying what is important to each of us, are all dynamic attributes of Person Centered Thinking.



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