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Session 6 – November 15, 2023



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# UNMC ID Health Equity and Quality Improvement ECHO Project

Having Better Conversations about Change

Free Live ECHO Project  
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## TARGET AUDIENCE

This accredited continuing education activity is intended for physicians, APPs, nurses, social workers, case managers, and anyone else interested in learning about health equity in underserved populations.

## ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Achieving health equity, addressing COVID-19 disparities, and improving the health of all Nebraskans using a quality improvement approach are the goals for our newly launched educational initiative. This COVID-19-focused health equity and quality improvement educational series will use the ECHO model for training healthcare workers.

The course is being offered through the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) infectious diseases (ID) ECHO program and is funded by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) via a CDC grant.



## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this live activity, the participants should be better able to:

1. Articulate the importance of identifying and accepting ambivalence to change.
2. Identify resistance to change in case examples.
3. Practice strategies for managing resistance to change in the context of health equity.

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# Follow-up from Last Month

- Observe or review a front-line process in your organization that is relevant to your health equity goals.



# Having Better Conversations about Change

**Presenters:** Dr. Gale Etherton, Dr. Mahliqha Qasimyar, and Jeff Wetherhold



# Objectives

1. Articulate the importance of identifying and accepting ambivalence to change.
2. Identify resistance to change in case examples.
3. Practice strategies for managing resistance to change in the context of health equity.





# Today's Session

- We covered the topic of getting buy-in for change in [Phase 1 Session 16](#).
- Today's session will focus on how to have conversations when change isn't happening as you expected, or at all.
- Case discussions will be integrated with the didactic to facilitate practice.

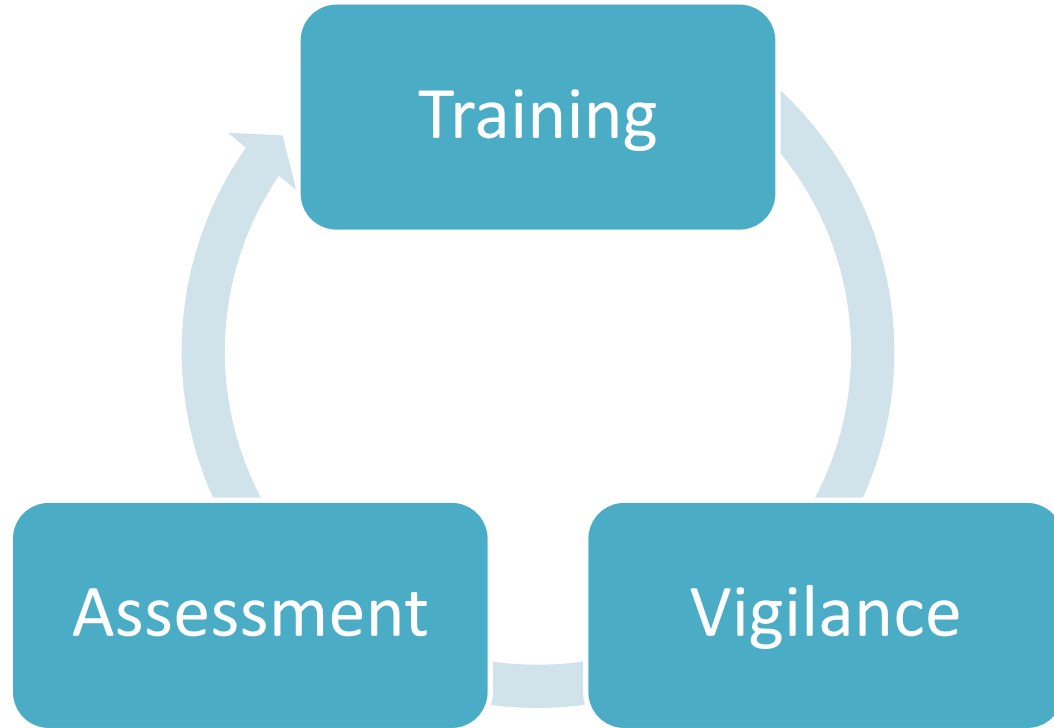


# Ground Rules

1. Be present & turn on your videos
2. Make Space, Take Space
3. ELMO: Enough Let's Move On
4. Take the lessons, leave the details
5. Assume positive intent
6. Be open to learning
7. Building, not selling
8. Yes/and, both/and



# Why is this necessary?



# Opening Discussion

*How do you feel when someone trains you on something you already know?*



# Ambivalence

All people are ambivalent about change. When change isn't happening, we can look for ambivalence by listening for sustain talk.

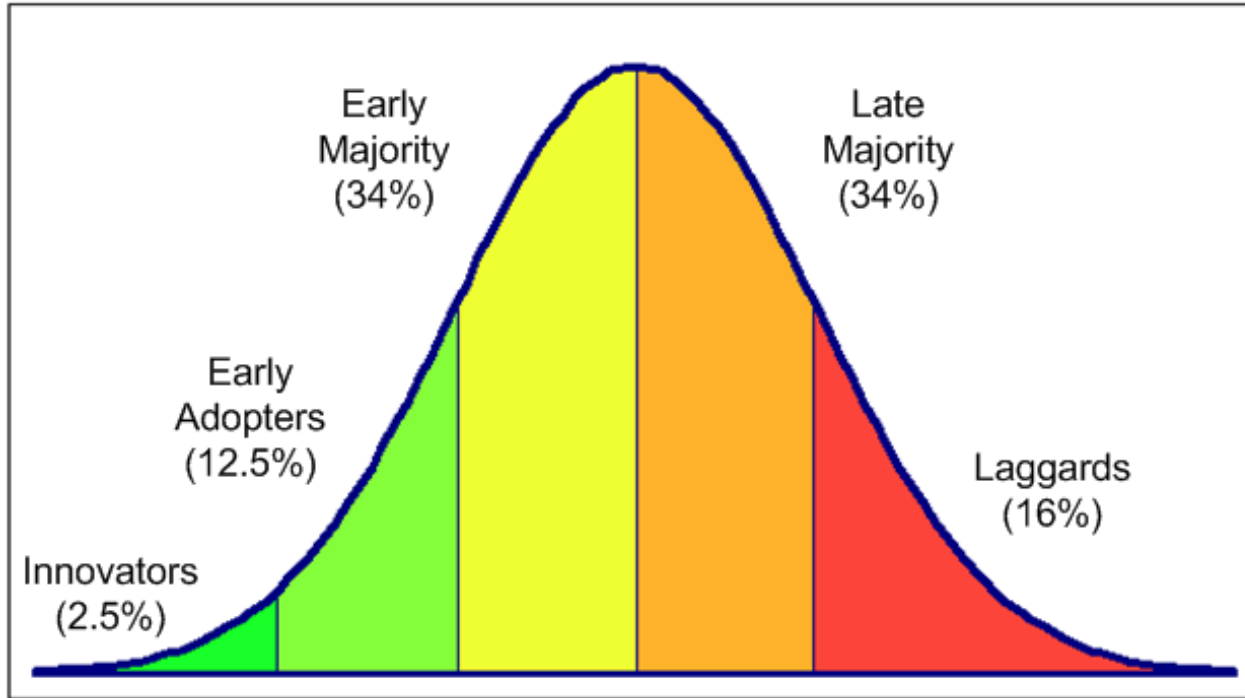
## Definitions:

- **Sustain talk** includes “the person’s own arguments for not changing, for sustaining the status quo.”
- **Change talk** includes “any self-expressed language that is an argument for change.”

Source: Miller WR, Rollnick S. *Motivational Interviewing: Helping People Change*. 3. New York: Guilford Press; 2013. Pages 7 and 159.



# Rogers' Diffusion of Innovation



# Addressing Change Resistance

## Change Resistance Framework

1. Value
2. Capability
3. Support

A person needs to be aware of the **value** of change, **capable** of implementation, and feel **supported** in operationalizing it in order to be ready to make a change.



# Value

## Change Resistance Framework

1. Value
2. Capability
3. Support

Value includes:

- Value to the individual
- Value to their own work
- Value to patients or community
- Value to the team or organization





# Value $\neq$ Cost

$$\text{Value} = \frac{\text{Benefit}}{\text{Cost}}$$



# Value

What you might hear:

Value to individual:

“This conflicts with my core beliefs.”

Value to own work:

“I have many important things to do.”

Value to community:

“This isn’t going to address the problems I see in our community.”

Value to organization:

“I don’t know why we are doing this.”



# Value

## Strategies

- Explore the advantages of change.
- Explore the disadvantages of the current state.
- Describe an improved future state.
- Use scaling questions to set goals.



# Example: Value of Change

This equity stuff is a hot button topic. And it's one more training! How am I supposed to make time for all of this? We will forget about this just like all the other trainings.

- 1. What could you ask regarding the advantages of change or disadvantages of the current state?*



# Example: Value of Change

This equity stuff is a hot button topic. And it's one more training! How am I supposed to make time for all of this? We will forget about this just like all the other trainings.

*2. How might you help them to describe a better future state?*



# Capability

## Change Resistance Framework

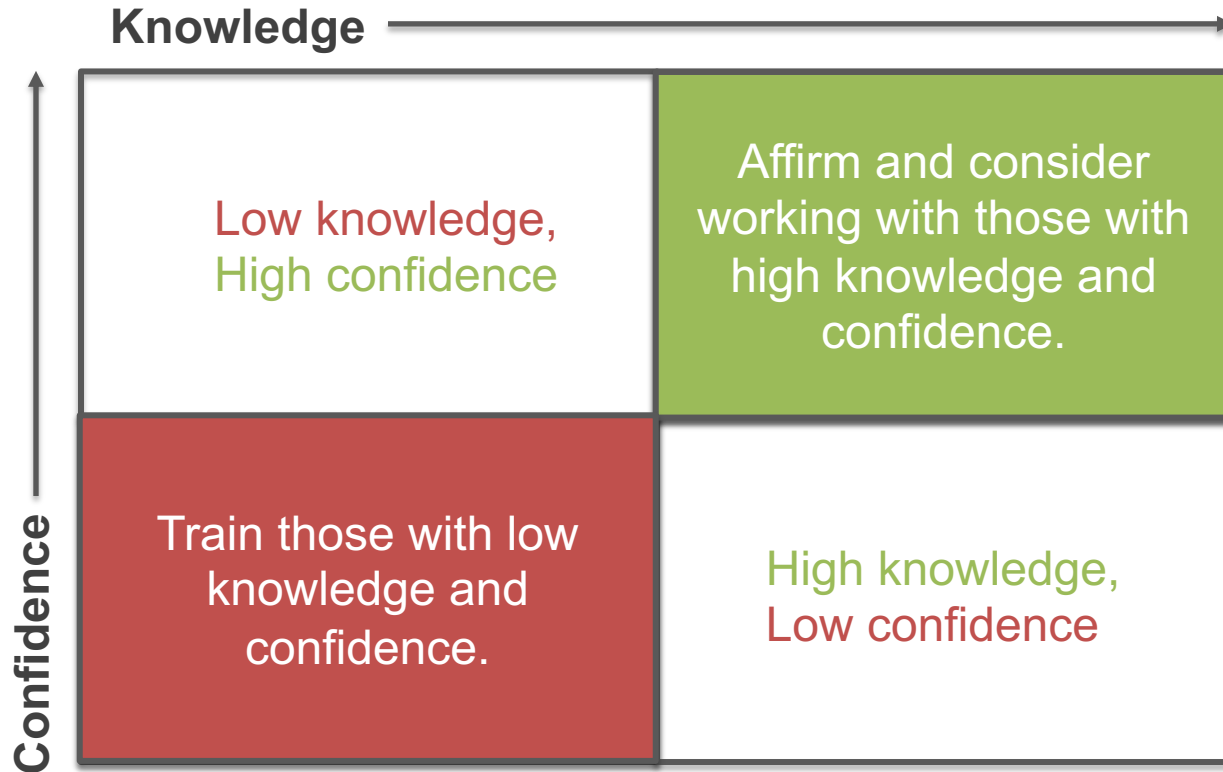
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Capability includes:

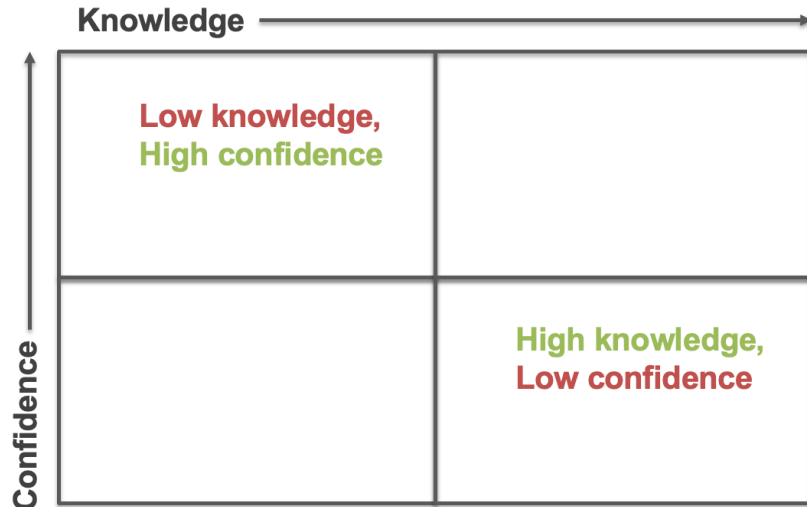
- Knowledge of a change
- Confidence in that knowledge



# Capability



# Capability



*Can you think of an example of each of these scenarios?*





# Capability

What you might hear:

High Knowledge, Low Confidence

- “I thought I knew how to do this but am not sure.”
- “I know that my colleague shouldn’t do that, but I don’t want to upset them.”

Low Knowledge, High Confidence

- “I already know all about this.”
- “I don’t need to talk to that group. I know where they are coming from.”



# High Knowledge, Low Confidence

## Strategies

- Affirm knowledge.
- Use simulation or structured practice.
- Probe for barriers.

# Low Knowledge, High Confidence

## Strategies

- Assume positive intent.
- Identify and examine sources of knowledge and/or assumptions.
- Ask them to explain it to you.
- Consider optimal messenger(s) and evidence.



# Example: Capability

I know that Dr. Alphabet shouldn't be speaking to patients that way. No patients have complained about it though. And that would be a hard conversation. I'm not even sure where to begin.

- 1. How would you characterize this change resistance in terms of knowledge and confidence?*



# Example: Capability

I know that Dr. Alphabet shouldn't be speaking to patients that way. No patients have complained about it though. And that would be a hard conversation. I'm not even sure where to begin.

*2. What might help a person in this case?*



# Support

## Change Resistance Framework

1. Value
2. Capability
3. Support

Required support for operationalizing a change includes:

- Individual resources to make change possible in a role
- Organizational resources to support change across the team/organization



# Support

What you might hear:

Individual resources:

- “I can’t do this in addition to my other responsibilities.”
- “I don’t have what I need to implement this.”

Organizational resources:

- “We aren’t going to follow through on this.”
- “I won’t be supported in this.”



# Support

## Strategies

- Start with retrospective language to learn about past experiences.
- Explore specific experiences to learn details.
- Shift to prospective language to describe what an improved future state would look like.





# Example: Support for Change

I know that we are supposed to be getting flu shots every fall, but my boss won't even get one. How am I supposed to get my staff to take this seriously?

- 1. What could you ask to understand this person's past experience?*



# Example: Support for Change

I know that we are supposed to be getting flu shots every fall, but my boss won't even get one. How am I supposed to get my staff to take this seriously?

*2. How might you help this person to describe an improved future state?*

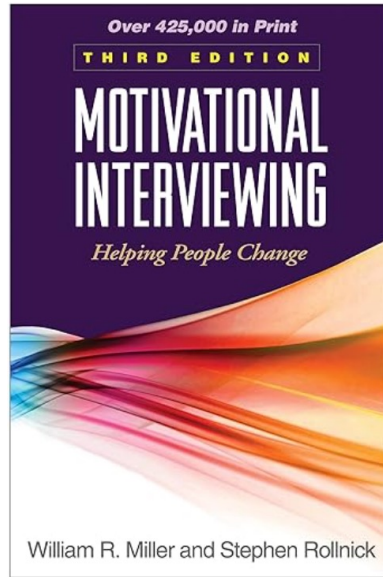


# Summary: Didactic training is an excellent resource for one scenario we discussed today

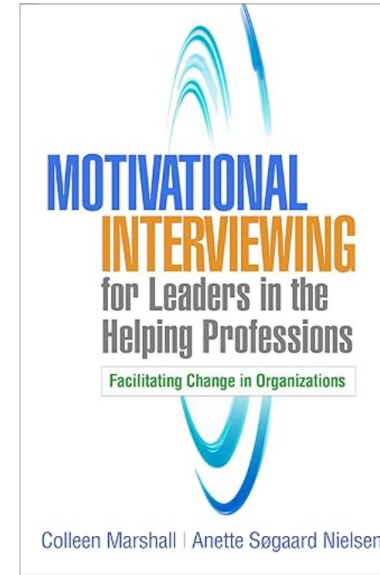
1. Low knowledge and low confidence in that knowledge	3. Low knowledge with unwarranted confidence	5. Unclear value of the change to patients or community	7. Lack of individual resources to make change possible in a role
2. Low confidence in existing knowledge	4. Unclear value of the change to their work	6. Unclear value of the change to the team or organization	8. Lack of organizational resources to support them in change



# Relevant MI Resources



Miller WR, Rollnick S. *Motivational Interviewing: Helping People Change*. 3. New York: Guilford Press; 2013.



Marshall C, Nielsen AS. *Motivational Interviewing for Leaders in the Helping Professions: Facilitating Change in Organizations*. New York: Guilford Press; 2020.



# Wrap-up



# What can you do this month?

- Identify an example of change resistance in your organization that is not likely to be addressed by didactic training.
- Make a plan for how you can engage this resistance differently using content from today's session.

# Our Follow-up

## You will receive:

- Today's presentation
- A one-pager with key-takeaways
- Relevant supporting resources
- Next session's agenda and information
- Links to priority session recordings from Phase 1



# Session 7: December 20

## Patient and Community Engagement in Health Equity

1. Summarize strategies for engaging patients in health equity priorities
2. Incorporate patient feedback to create more equitable changes
3. Examine how to apply Quality Improvement (QI) tools to the evaluation of change ideas





**Thank you!**

