Tribal Youth Resource Center

Building & Sustaining Partnerships

For Truancy Prevention Programs

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Presentation Objectives

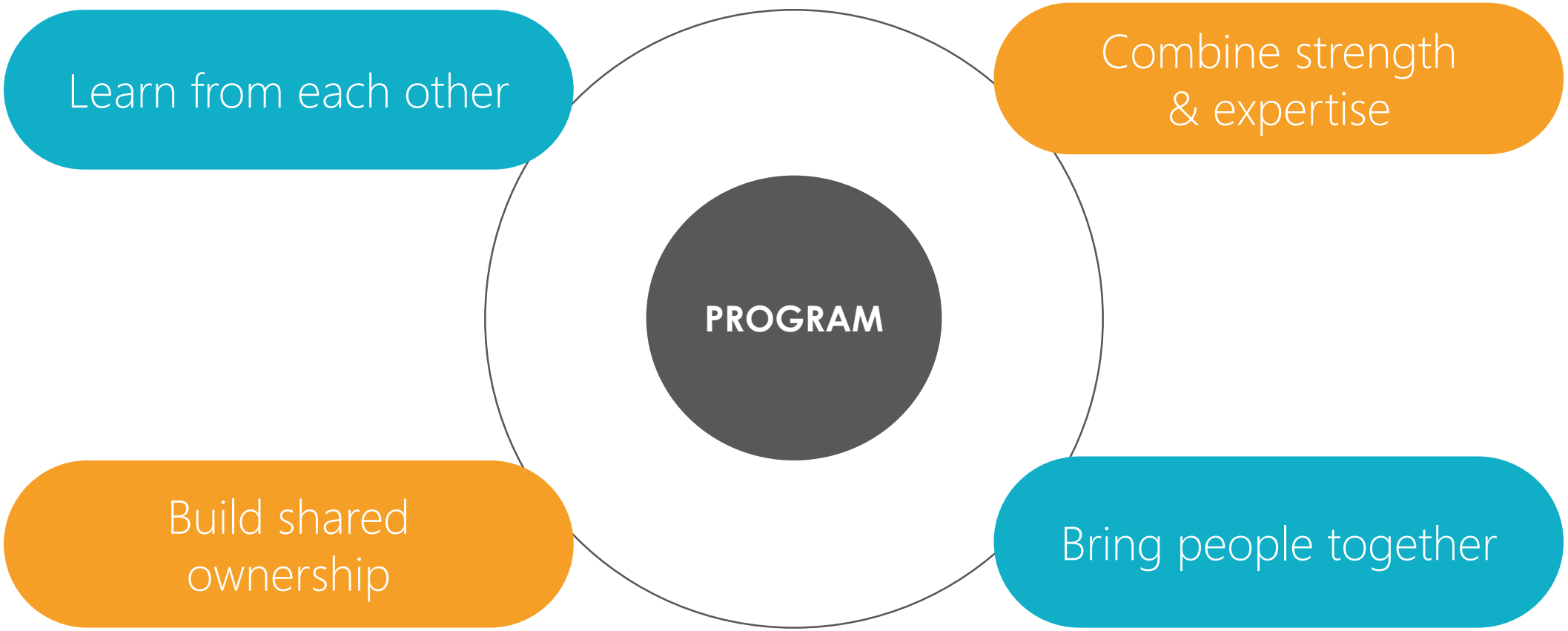
Understand the importance of collaboration and forming partnerships.

Identify partnership needs, key partners, and their motivation.

Learn about tools and resources to help build and sustain partnerships.

Mission
Performance
Collaboration
Communication
Trust
PARTNERSHIP
Support
Skills
Teamwork
Brainstorming
Planning

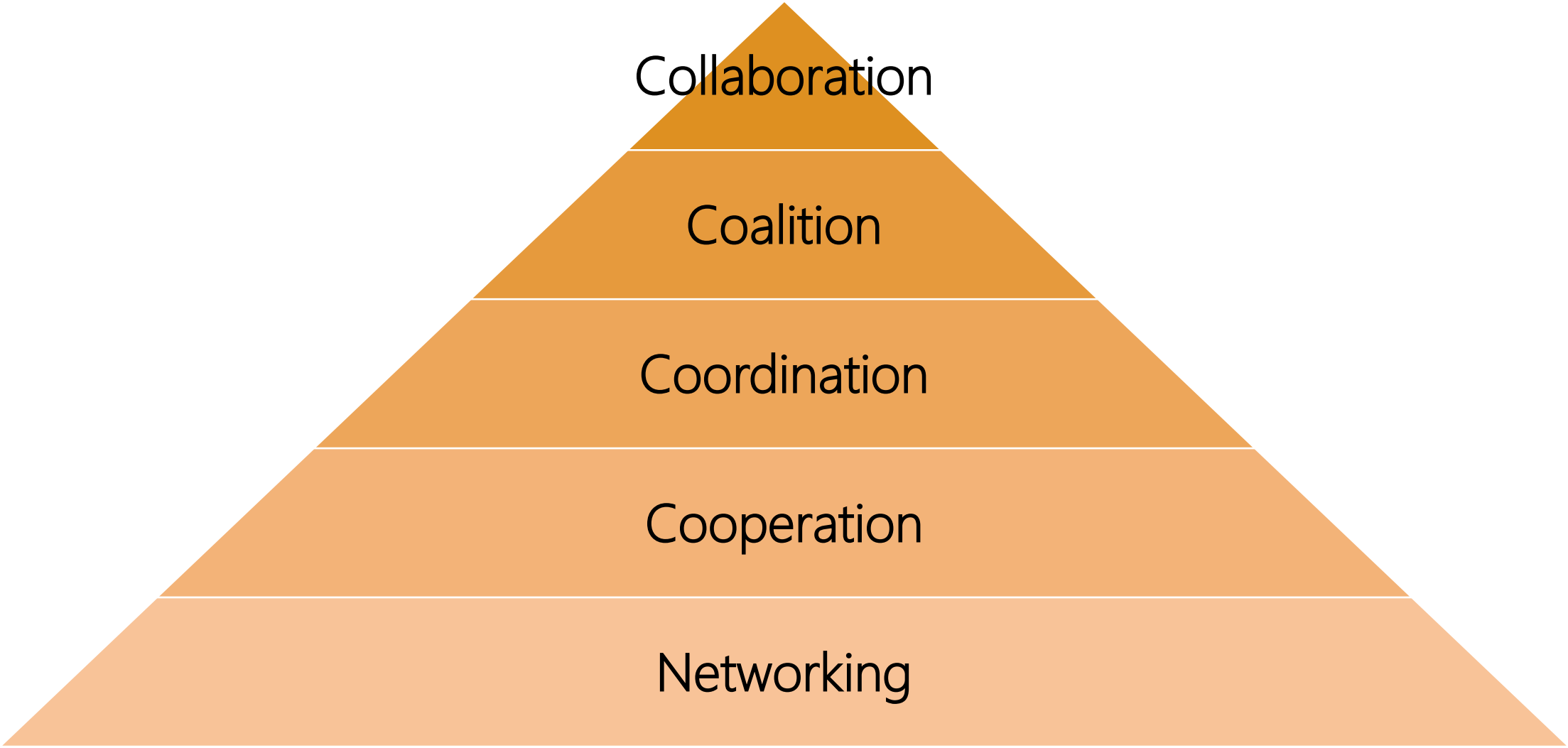
Importance of Collaboration



Importance of Collaboration in Tribal Truancy Prevention Programs

- Collaboration may be **essential to initiate operations** and program services. 90% of Native students attend public schools while 8% attend schools administered by the Bureau of Indian Education.
- **Requirements** within Federal and/or State consultation policies.
- The **enhancement of available services** that can be offered to youth as part of collaborative planning and development.

Five Levels of Collaboration



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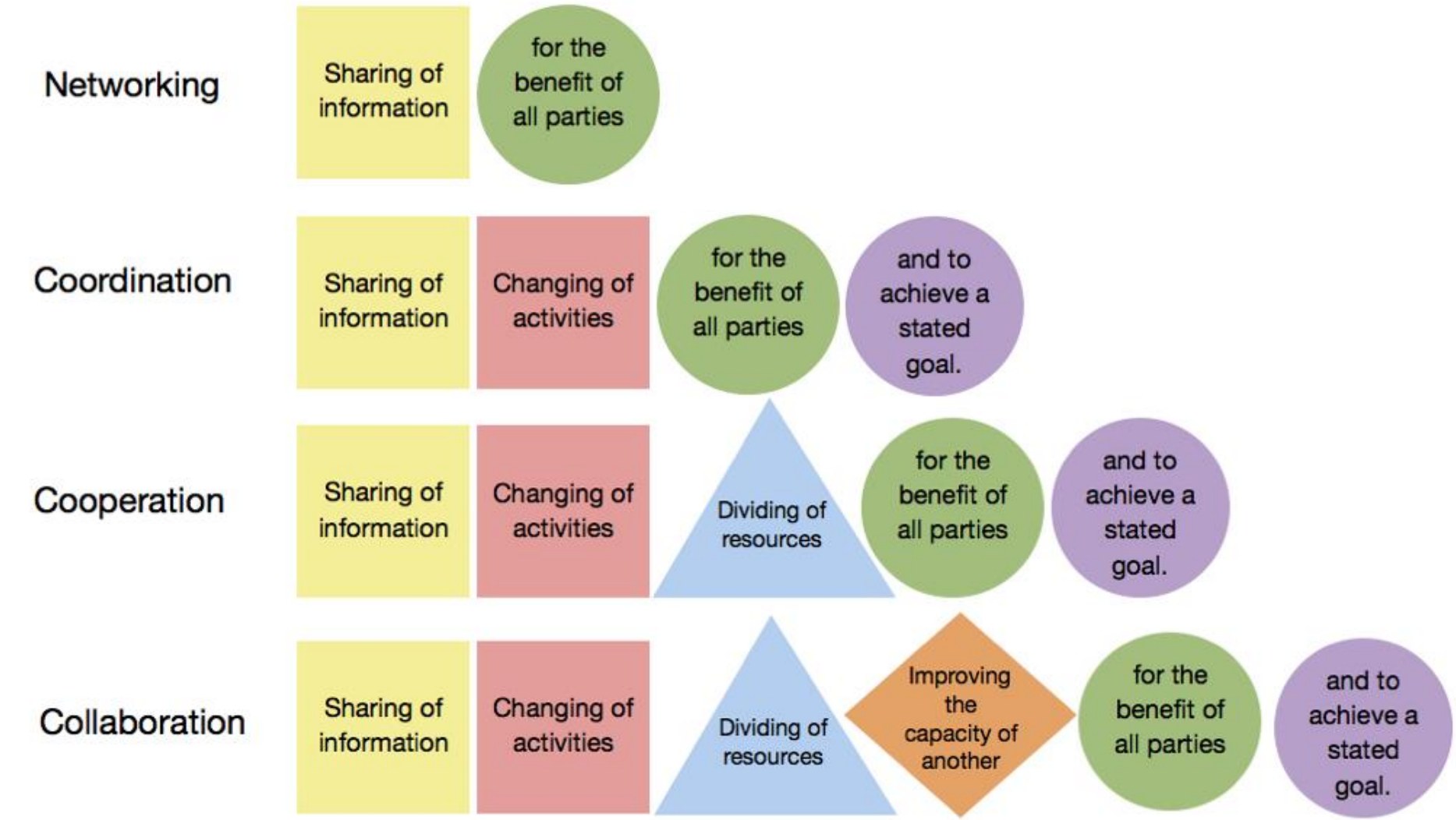

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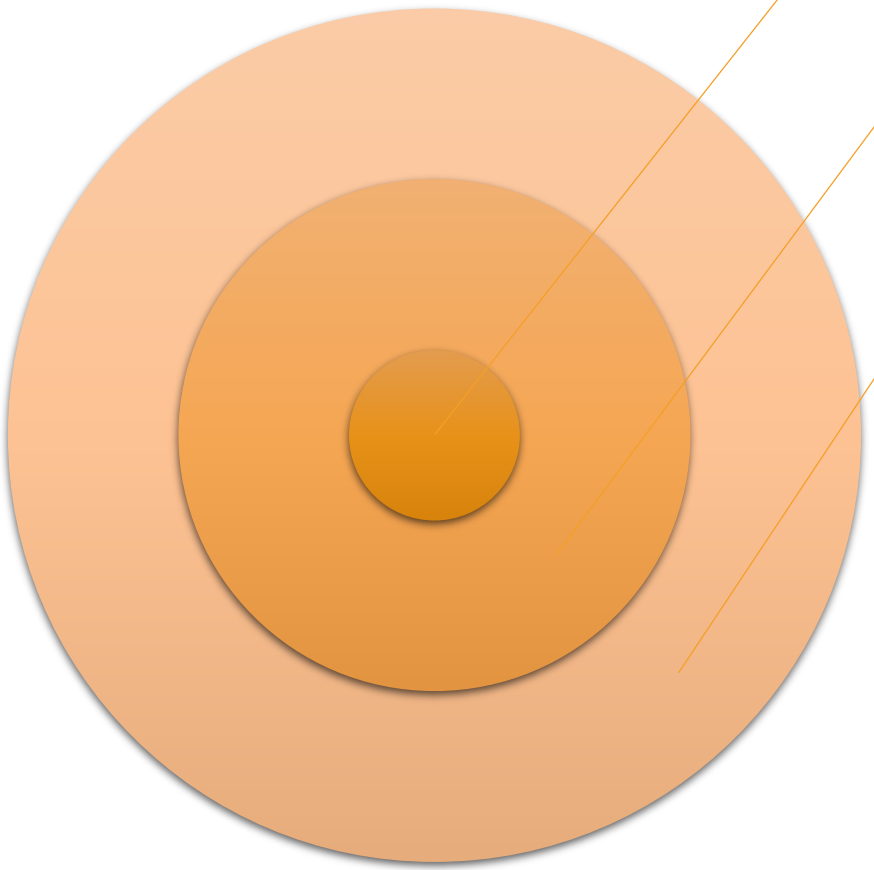
Start with Why



Why

How

What

Factors that Influence Successful Collaboration

Environment	• Is there a favorable political environment? • Is there a history of cooperation?
Communication	• Is there an established communication plan? • Is communication clear?
Purpose	• Is there a shared vision? • Are the goals obtainable?
Resources	• Are there sufficient funds, staff, and skilled leadership?

Factors that Influence Successful Collaboration, Cont'd

Membership Characteristics

- Is there mutual respect and trust among members?
- Are the right people involved?
- Does the purpose serve all?
- Is there flexibility among members?

Process and Structure

- Do participants have clear roles?
- Has the group developed policies and procedures?
- Do all members have a stake in the outcomes?
- Is the collaboration able to adapt?

Picking Partners

- How will we develop a comprehensive picture of the individuals and organizations that have a stake in the issue we wish to address?
- What criteria will we use to determine who our partners should be?
- What will we do to ensure that we are not overlooking critical partners?
- How will we ensure the partners we choose are a good fit for our needs, goals, and culture?
- How will we reach out to potential partners?
- What will we communicate as the aim of the collaboration when reaching out to potential partners?
- Will we ask partners to formalize their participation in the collaboration in any way?

Building a Collaboration Map

Challenges

Incompatible Missions

Pressure

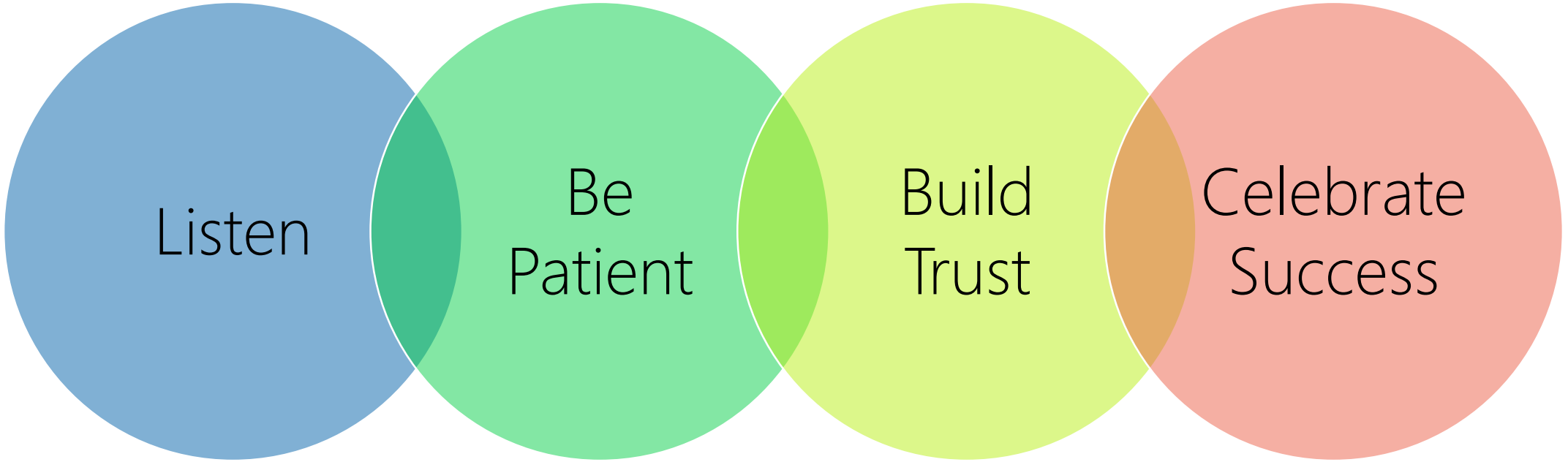
Failures

Competition

Duplication

Program Examples

Key Takeaways



What is your why?

Thank You!

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