

#### Customer Experience Management

How Empathy is a Competitive Advantage

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Endeavor

#### About Us

### Endeavor

#### Industry Expertise. Research-Driven Insights. Practical Strategies.

Endeavor Management is a management consulting firm that leads clients to achieve real value from their strategic transformational initiatives.

We serve as a catalyst by providing the energy to maintain the dual perspective of running the business while changing the business through the application of key leadership principles and business strategy.

Endeavor's deep operational insight and broad industry experience enables our team to quickly understand the dynamics of client companies and markets.



**Today's Objective** 

To develop a common understanding of experience management and its role in contact centers.

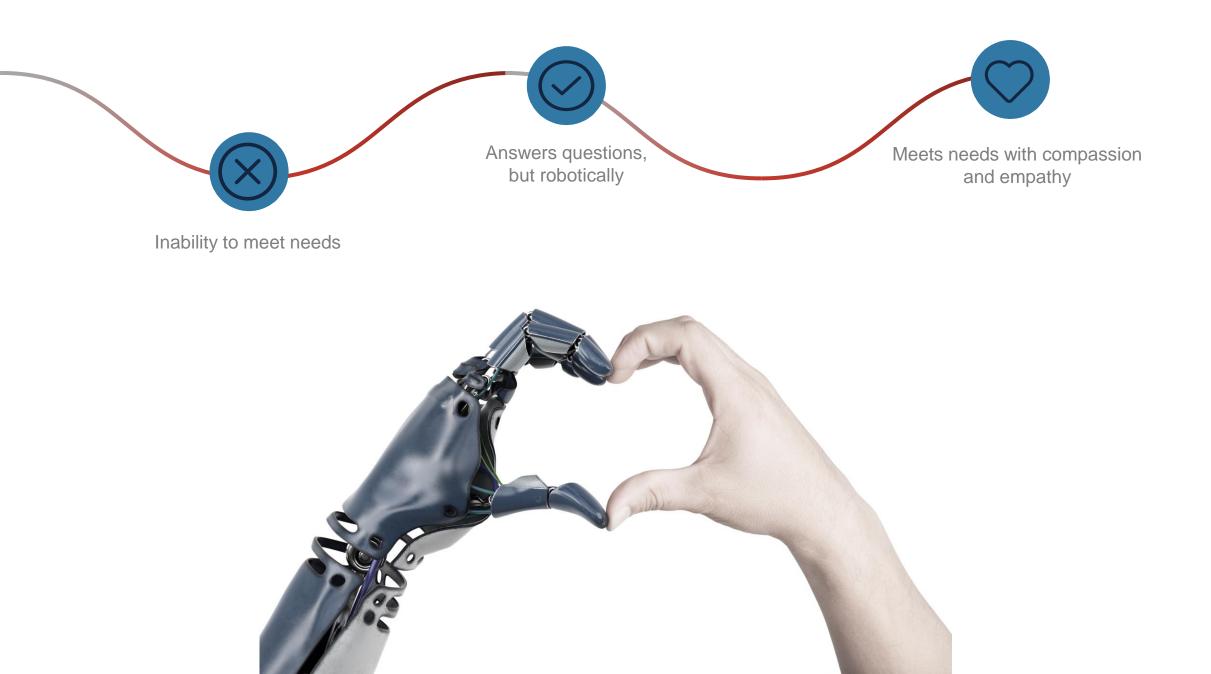


Our Time Together Today



#### FOUNDATIONS

Why Experience Management Matters





### What It Means

Experience Management

- How your customers **perceive** their experience with the brand and your organization
- Includes the **entirety** of a customer's experience
- Influenced by **multiple** touchpoints and interactions
- Is shaped by the organizational **culture**
- Includes both **functional** and **emotional** needs



### Why It Matters

Experience Management

- Today's consumers are more savvy and demanding
- Happy customers are loyal and recommend us to others
- Social media and other digital tools give customers a loud voice to share feedback with others

• When services and costs are similar, experience can provide a **competitive difference** 

 The stories people tell to others about their experiences are often driven by emotion related to what they value most



**New Thinking** 

## CUSTOMERS AS SAVVY amazon CONSUMERS





### Uniqueness of Contact Centers

**Experience Management** 

- The front door
- A critical "moment of trust"
- Common challenges of:
  - Ease of getting lost in the system especially with a decentralized system
  - Many potential customers are never contacted after their initial call
  - First-time callers don't yet have a point of contact so have no where to turn if they can't get what they need



### **Ideal Experience Elements**

Providing a Customer-Focused Experience

- One call does it all
  - Requires Consolidation of needs and smooth transfer between departments
- Representatives have the knowledge to answer questions and effectively meet needs
  - Requires high product and service awareness, including robust training
- Functional and emotional needs are validated and met
  - Requires clear expectations of staff, including consistent guidelines and standards vs. a strict script



# Facilitating an Ideal Experience

Enabling Tools and Practices

- Productive physical space
  - o Invest in a comfortable, inspiring environment

#### Technological Tools for success

• Usage of CRM, call monitoring, digital lines

#### • Metrics for measurement and tracking

 Measure customer satisfaction regularly using system that allows for real-time feedback and service recovery

#### Functional

I am confident in their products and services

I receive timely service

My technical requirements are met

My questions are answered

I can contact them with questions

#### Emotional

My needs are addressed

I am educated about the process

They make me look good to others

They care about me coming back next time

My time is respected

### Where does your organization stand?

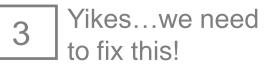
Evaluating Priority VOC Needs

#### How effectively has your organization...

- 1. Regularly listened to customers to determine their needs, perceptions and expectations?
- 2. Defined how customer expectations will be met or exceeded?
- 3. Communicated the promise of the contact center to the rest of the organization and the marketplace?
- 4. Developed metrics to measure performance against the promise and assess performance?







#### EXPERIENCE MAPPING

A Holistic Framework for Incorporating VOC



### **A Holistic Framework**

Understanding the Customer Experience

#### A framework must:

Consider All Parts of the Experience

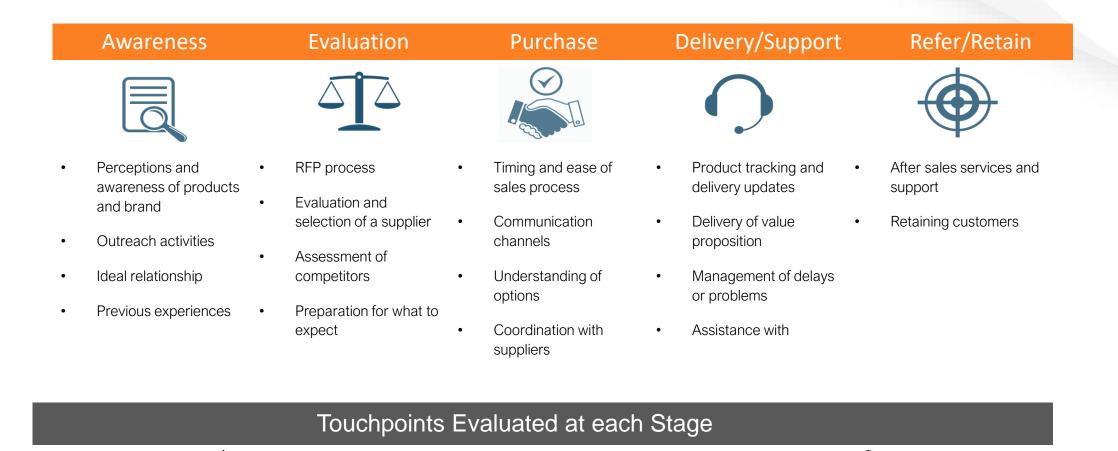
Break Down Siloed Thinking

Account for a Variety of Touchpoints

Facilitate Lasting Change

### **Our Framework: The Experience Map**

Understanding the Customer Experience



### **Engaging Customers Directly**

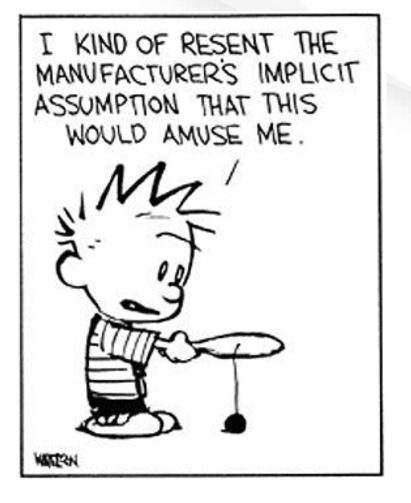
Using Customer Input to Assess the Experience

Avoid Assumptions

Best Practices Exist, but Your Customers are Unique

Direct Voice of the Customer Evokes Empathy and Inspires Change

Assess What Matters Most



#### ASSESSMENT TOOLS

A Holistic Framework for Incorporating VOC

### **Picking the Right Assessment Tool**

Tools to Assess the Experience

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	Observational	<b>Co-Creation</b>	Engagement	Monitoring
Lowe Cost	Shadowing/	Persona Development	Ask customers directly for their	Team Huddles
•	C	Development	feedback	Comment Boards
	Evaluation of Call Recordings	Story Boarding Customer	Focus Groups	Social Media Monitoring
	On-Site Assessment	Advisory Board	Quantitative Client Feedback Survey	Regularly Scheduled Feedback Survey
↓ Highe	User Testing	Expert Panel	In-Depth Experience Mapping Interviews	Real-Time Service Recovery Dashboard
Cost				

Which can you best influence in your current role?



### **Assessment Dimensions**

Delivering a World Class Contact Center Experience

Voice of the Customer				
Process Standardization	Change Leadership			
Performance Management	Agent Tools			
Agent Empowerment	Web Integration			
Learning & Development	Business Reporting			

### **Translating Learnings to Action**

Tools to Assess the Experience

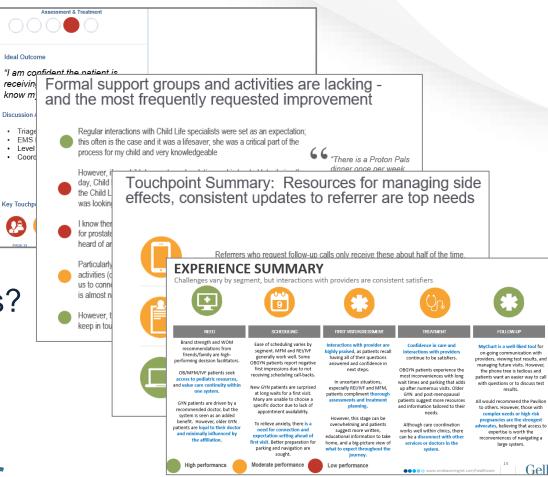
Include Insight for Each Stage

Incorporate Emotional and Functional Needs

Current Vs. Ideal – Where are the Breakdowns?

Verbatim Quotes, Stories, Data, Audio Clips

#### Evoking Empathy = Building Momentum for Change



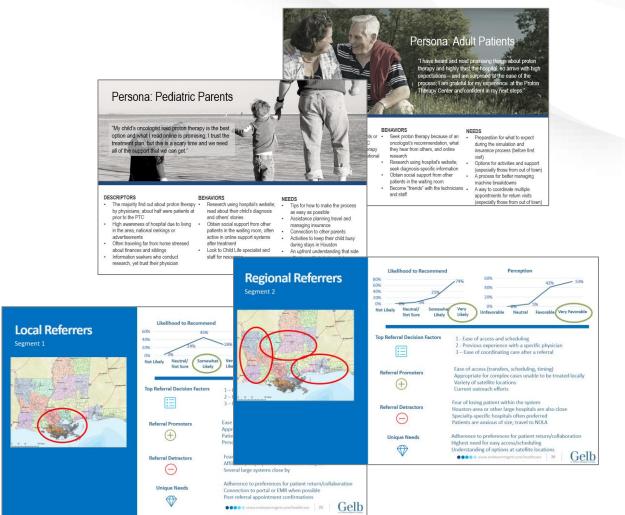
### **Account for Segment Differences**

Assessing Segment-Specific Needs

#### Not all customers are the same

Account for unique needs with personas or profiles

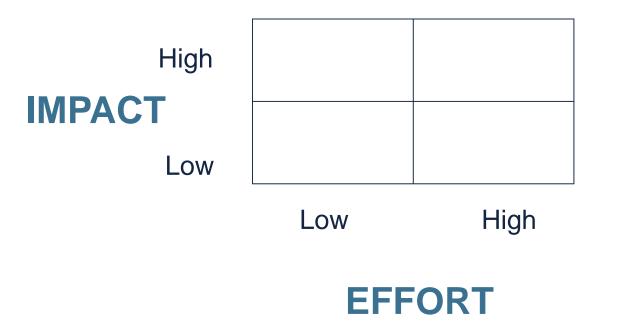
- What are their different motivators and needs?
- Evaluate current high and lowperforming



### **Action-Planning for Lasting Change**

Tools for Taking Action to Improve the Customer Experience

Prioritizing based on level of importance, alignment with objective, and impact vs. effort



#### Workshops and planning for change

- Cross-functional experience workshops to build empathy and give staff a voice; allows them to agree on expected behaviors and develop personal action plans.
- Contact center design planning among leadership to design (or re-design) priority processes, metrics, training, and implementation
- Process design, with a deep-dive focus on an individual process, that details each step and skill required

### **Examples – VOC Spheres of Action**

Taking Action to Improve the Customer Experience





Promoting a consistent experience through process standardization Empowerment of agents to make informed decisions and resolve problems Agent learner development and training for understanding complex operations

Making it easier for customer to connect, including omnichannel experiences and web integration

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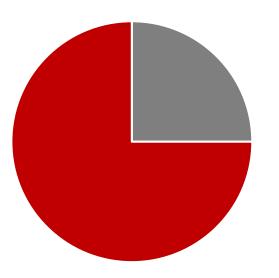


Implementing a robust dashboard system to regularly seek feedback and take action on the results

### **Case Study - Healthcare**

Contact Centers in Healthcare





Healthcare challenges:

- 75% of potential patients who abandon calls do not call back\*
- Reducing the abandonment rate from 5% to 10% represents an estimated \$1.8 million revenue\*

Endeavor Case Study:

A large hospital was receiving 9,000 calls and emails per month, but only 58% resulted in new admissions

### **Case Study - Healthcare**

Contact Centers in Healthcare

#### What We Did:

- Experience Mapping to understand reasons for abandonment
- Staff interviews to assess facilitators and barriers
- Site Audit to evaluate current processes

#### The Changes:

- Action-planning included:
  - Empowering call center teams to help them solve problem
  - Standardizing conversation points around common challer
  - Better documenting information from each contact and transitioning them to the relevant service area
  - Implementing a dashboard to track those who did not mak appointment and elevate for service recovery if needed

#### The Outcome:

In the year following, over 1,000 interventions were completed, with a 43% conversation rate – and a total of over 27,000,000 in captured revenue



#### FACILITATING LASTING CHANGE

Measuring and Monitoring Performance

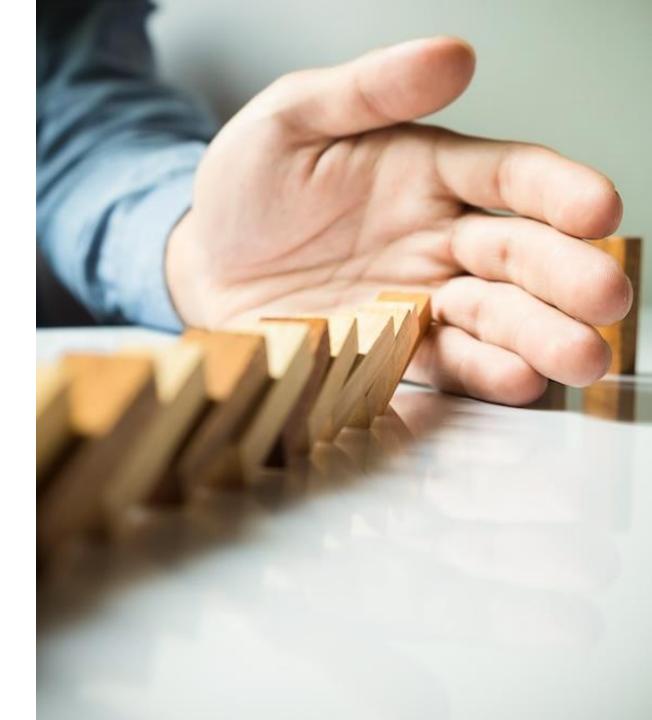
### Monitor for Real Time Response

Lasting Change and Impact

Keep an eye on the right targets and metrics

Stop a negative trend before it snowballs

Identify and build on positive outcomes



### **Data Visualization Tools - Dashboards**

**Dashboards Drive Better Decisions** 





#### Listen Closer

Capture the Voice of the Customer across multiple touchpoints at the time of interaction, not when it's "survey month."



#### Analyze Faster

Integrate data collected inside the organization with data gathered through discovery tools in a single platform. Compare data in real-time and dive into what's causing changes.

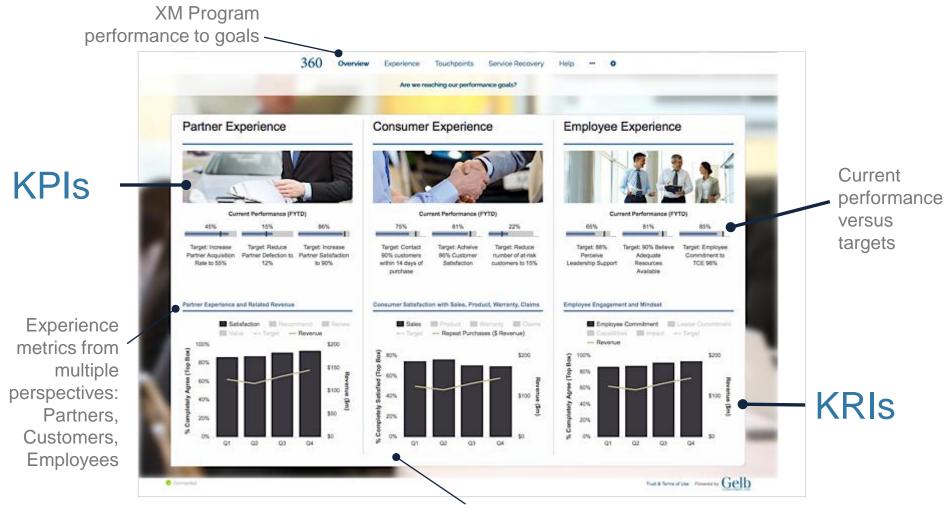


#### Socialize Insights Better

Develop key workflows and reports to share for decision making – both strategically and in-real-time for service recovery.

### **Data Visualization - Focus**

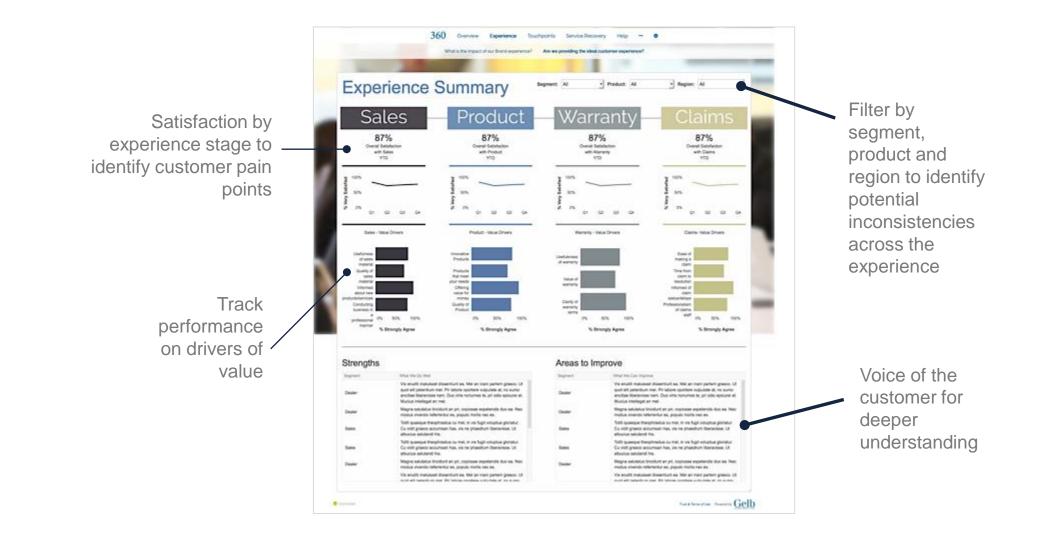
Business Intelligence from a bird's eye view



Satisfaction trended with financial measures

### **Data Visualization – Drill Down**

Business intelligence by customer stage or other focus area



### Lastly- Thing Long-Term; Make it Stick!

Lasting Change and Impact

Keep the journey map at top of mind – make it visible and include it in decisions

Staff must OWN the experience

Tie in operations – scripting or marketing can't fix a broken process

Set goals. Measure change and progress (monitoring surveys, dashboards, etc.)



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We look forward to working with you

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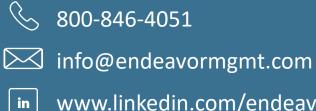


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