

Making Leadership Happen



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Learning Objectives

The Making Leadership Happen Program helps senior leaders achieve the following objectives:



Understand leadership as a social process that produces collective results.



Apply an effective approach to enhance leadership outcomes— Direction — Alignment — Commitment (DAC)™.



Explore and understand the Vertical Development Framework.



of the vertical development framework to complex leadership.

Sources for Reading on DAC:

https://www.ccl.org/articles/leading-effectively-articles/make-leadership-happen-with-dac-framework/

 $\underline{\text{https://www.ccl.org/insights-research/direction-alignment-and-commitment-assessment/}}$

https://www.ccl.org/guides/how-leadership-works/

Sources for Reading on Vertical Development:

https://www.ccl.org/articles/leading-effectively-articles/developing-talent-youre-probably-missing-vertical-development/

https://www.ccl.org/webinars/elevating-executive-leadership-culture-with-vertical-development/

https://www.ccl.org/articles/white-papers/vertical-development-culture-beats-strategy/



Leadership

Leadership is a **social process** that enables people to work together as a cohesive group to produce collective results.

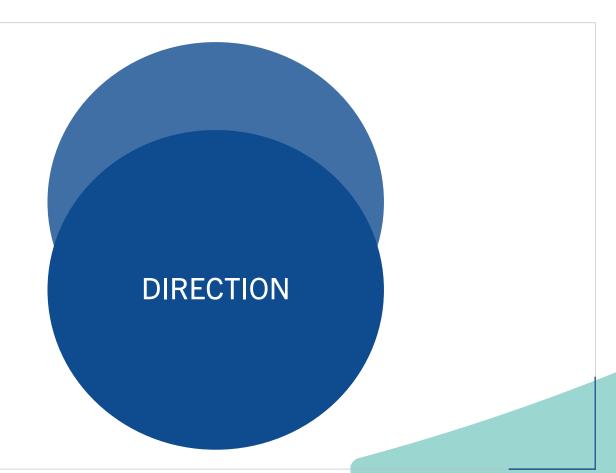


Leadership outcomes



Direction:

Agreement in the group on overall goals

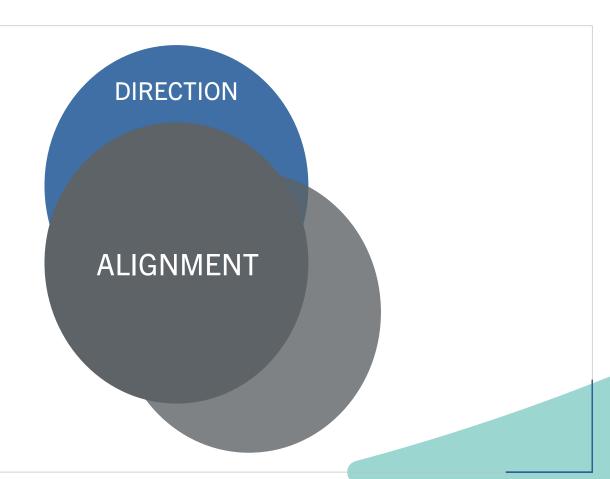




Leadership outcomes



Alignment: Coordinated work within the group

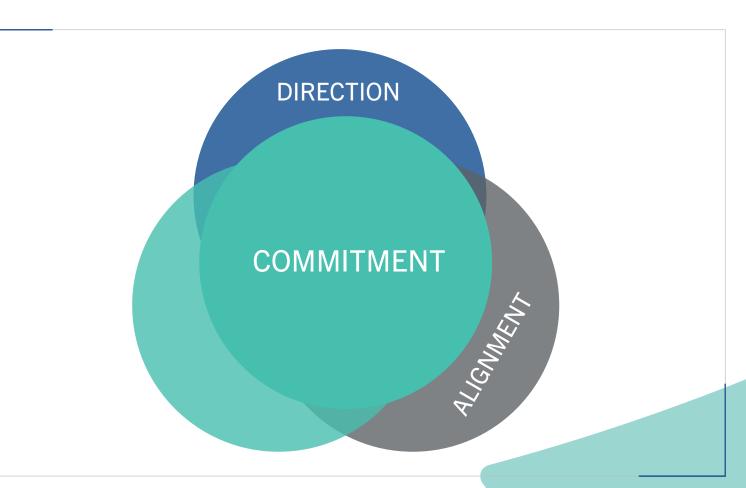




Leadership outcomes



Commitment:
Mutual
responsibility for
the group



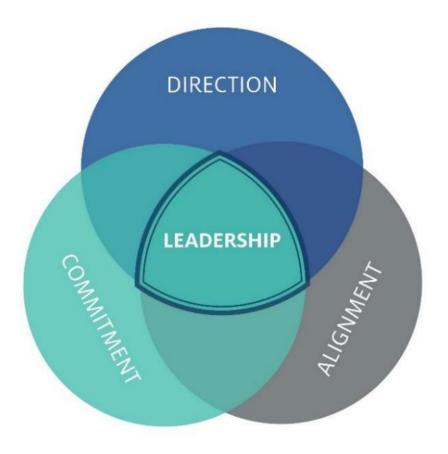
Leadership

DIRECTION

- In groups with strong direction: Members have a shared understanding of what group success looks like and agree on what they're aiming to accomplish.
- In groups with weak direction: Members are uncertain about what they should accomplish together, or they feel pulled in different directions by competing goals.

COMMITMENT

- In groups with strong commitment:
 Members feel responsible for the success
 and wellbeing of the group, and they know
 that other group members feel the same.
 They trust each other and will stick with
 the group through difficult times.
- In groups with weak commitment:
 Members put their own interests ahead of
 the group's interests and contribute to the
 group only when it's easy to do so or when
 they have something to gain.



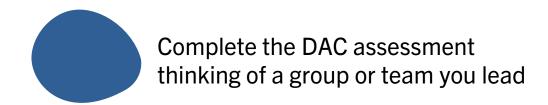
ALIGNMENT

- In groups with strong alignment: Members with different tasks, roles, or sets of expertise coordinate their work.
- In groups with weak alignment: Members work more in isolation, unclear about how their tasks fit into the larger work of the group, and are in danger of working at cross-purposes, duplicating efforts, or having important work fall through the cracks.

Evidence of DAC

NOT HAPPENING HAPPENING Everyone agrees on a vision, a desired future, or a set of Lack of agreement on priorities; people feel pulled in DIRECTION goals to achieve together different directions **ALIGNMENT** Everyone is clear about each other's roles and responsibilities; Deadlines are missed; rework is required; there's work feels coordinated duplication of effort and competition COMMITMENT Everyone helps the group succeed; there's a sense of Only the easy things get done; people seem focused trust and mutual responsibility only on what's in it for them

DAC assessment



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Once you finish download your results





Vertical Development

Vertical Development refers to expansion in a person's thinking capability.

The outcome of **vertical stage development** is the ability to think in more complex, systemic, strategic, and interdependent ways.

Cook-Greuter, S. R. (1995). *Nine levels of increasing embrace in ego development:* A full-spectrum theory of vertical growth and meaning making.



The Exponential Potential of Vertical Development: From Addition to Multiplication

The **vertical development** of leadership culture results in collective capabilities with beliefs and practices held between all those in leadership (starting with, but not limited to, those at the top), and creates the foundations required to begin true cultural transformations.

CCL's action research with multiple clients over 15 years has identified 5 clear outcomes that vertical development creates, including:



Silo-busting



Dilemma-readiness



Agile decisions



Strategic complexity/disruptive capability



Enterprise ownership



Leadership development is both horizontal and vertical

Horizontal development

When we say horizontal development, we mean the traditional kind of talent development: increasing technical skillsets and building the most important leadership competencies. If your organization is like most, you're probably already providing all sorts of opportunities for horizontal development — disseminating more knowledge, skills, and information to your people. These skills are essential and necessary — but they are no longer sufficient in our new era.

Vertical development

Vertical development is about developing more complex and sophisticated ways of thinking, greater wisdom, and clearer insights. It's called vertical development because it's based on levels, or stages, of thinking. It involves gaining new perspectives and leadership mindsets needed to make your business strategy work. For example, with vertical development, managers and groups learn to tackle a problem with *inquiry* — questions, observation, and reflection — before jumping into advocating, lobbying, or deciding. This opens the door to deeper understanding, greater clarity, more options, and multiple right answers — which are especially needed for leading in complex, uncertain situations.





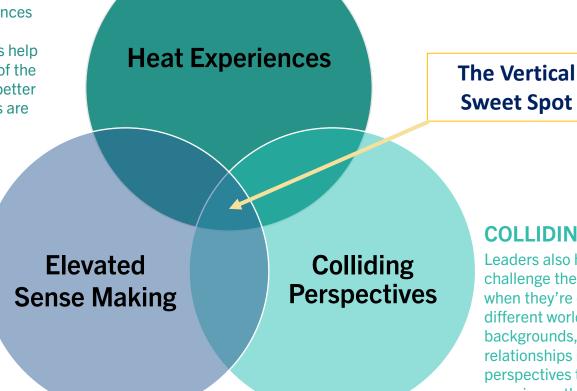
Three conditions to accelerate vertical growth

HEAT EXPERIENCES

Leaders have the opportunity to respond to heat experiences when they face a complex situation that disrupts and disorients their habitual way of thinking. These situations help leaders discover that their current way of making sense of the world is inadequate. As a result, they seek out new and better ways to make sense of their challenge. Heat experiences are the what that initiates vertical development.

ELEVATED SENSE MAKING

As leaders process and make sense of these perspectives and experiences, they enter an elevated stage of vertical development. A larger, more advanced worldview emerges and, with time, stabilizes. This is the how that integrates development



COLLIDING PERSPECTIVES

Leaders also have an opportunity to challenge their existing mental models when they're exposed to others with different worldviews, opinions, backgrounds, and training. These relationships increase the number of perspectives through which leaders experience their world. Colliding experiences are the who that enables vertical development.

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GLOBAL REACH

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With the largest globally managed network of coaches and faculty in the industry and teams of full-time, dedicated researchers, we're committed to creating the results that matter for you.

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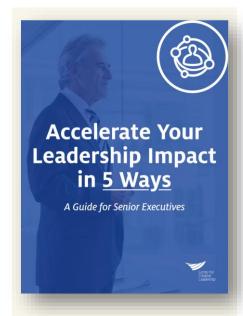
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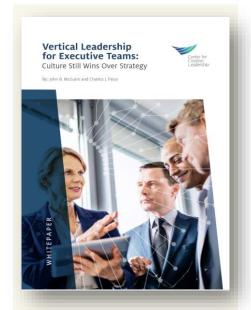
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