# COLD CALLING STRATEGIES

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Supporting youth & adults with disabilities

#### AGENDA

- TALK TODAY about 15 MINUTES IN LENGTH WITH TIME AT THE END FOR QUESTIONS
- COLD CALLING
- TYPES OF COLD CALLING
- STRATEGIES
- HOW TO SABOTOGE THE COLD CALL
- THE "ASK" WHAT IS THIS?
- CLOSING THE SALE

### WHO'S HERE....?

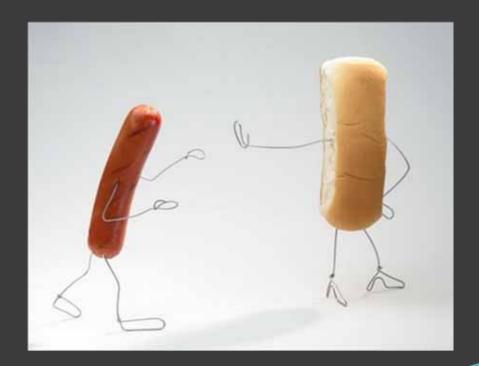
O HOW MANY HERE TODAY ARE NEW TO THE ROLE OF JOB DEVELOPER?

O DO WE HAVE ANY EXPERIENCED JOB DEVELOPERS?

• HOW MANY WITH A SALES AND MARKETING BACKGROUND?

## COLD CALL APHOBIA

• "THE FEAR OF CALLING A STRANGER AND BEING REJECTED"



### SYMPTOMS OF CALL A PHOBIA

CONFUSION

BLURRED VISION

• HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

SWEATY HANDS

### TYPES OF COLD CALLS

ON THE PHONE

IN PERSON

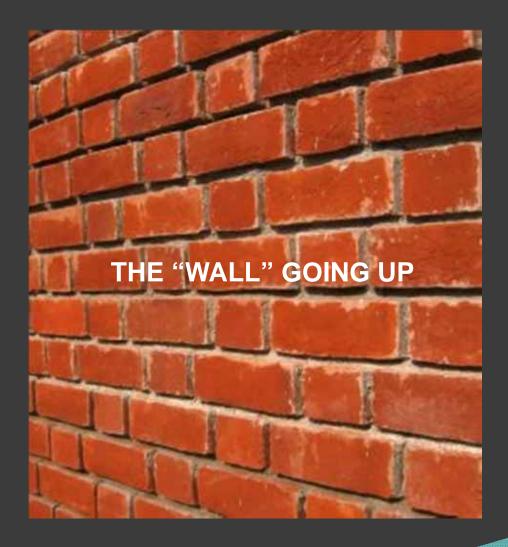
#### WHY DO WE COLD CALL?

- 80% OF JOBS ARE IN THE "HIDDEN" JOB MARKET
- WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
- THESE JOBS ARE NOT ADVERTISED
- THEY ARE JOBS THAT EMPLOYERS ARE:
- ANTICIPATING THEY MAY NEED TO FILL IN THE FUTURE
- EMPLOYERS HAVE JUST FIRED AN EMPLOYEE FOR A POSITION THAT THEY NEED TO FILL RIGHT AWAY
- THE MONDAY MORNING NO SHOWS
- MOST IMPORTANT: YOU WILL MORE SUCCESS ACHIEVING JOB TARGETS BY COLD CALLING – JOB SECURITY

### HOW TO SABOTAGE THE CALL

- BEING UNPREPARED
- BEING PHONY
- TALKING TOO MUCH ABOUT YOURSELF
- CALLING or VISITING AT THE WRONG TIME
- BEING CONTROLING OR TOO PRESSURING
- NOT TALKING TO THE RIGHT PERSON

## WANT TO AVOID



#### THE "ASK"

- YOU WON'T KNOW UNLESS YOU ASK
- THE "ASK" IS USED TO ASK FOR THE SALE AND TO FLUSH OUT OBJECTIONS.
- BUSINESS PEOPLE ARE USED TO THIS CONCEPT AND WILL APPRECIATE AND RESPECT BEING ASKED
- BUSINESS PEOPLE EXPECT TO BE ASKED TO BUY GOODS AND SERVICES ALL THE TIME
- WHY NOT EMPLOYEES?
- ALWAYS ASK FOR THE SALE WITH EMPLOYERS IF ALL THE SIGNS ARE THERE THAT THEY VALUE WHAT YOU ARE TELLING THEM, THEN ASK THEM
- DON'T WALK AWAY AND SAY, "CALL ME IF YOU THINK WE CAN PROVIDE A SERVICE TO YOU" OR "THINK ABOUT IT"

#### ASK

- "IF I PROVIDE YOU WITH THE RIGHT CANDIDATE WILL YOU HIRE THEM?"
- ASKING MAY PROVIDE OBJECTIONS FROM THE EMPLOYER
- IF YOU GET A "NO" OR OTHER OBJECTION, THEN YOU
- KNOW YOU HAVE TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION
- IF IT IS A LEGITIMATE OBJECTION THEN YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION
- OK...SO WHAT I HEAR YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IS.....

#### CLOSING THE SALE - METHODS

SIMPLE CLOSE

"DOES THE INFORMATION I PROVIDED YOU TODAY MAKE YOUR DECISION EASIER?"

• "WOULD YOU LIKE TO HIRE JOHN TODAY?"

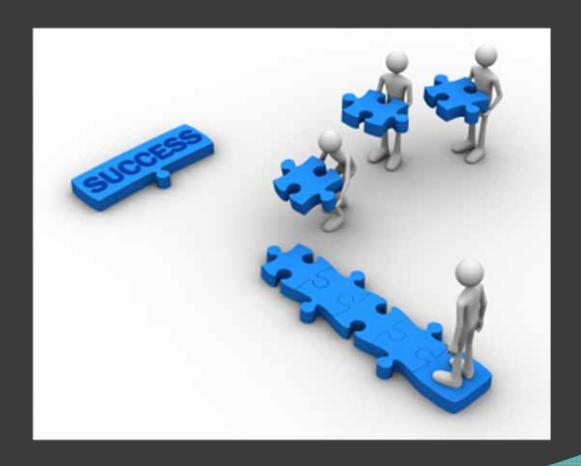
#### ASSUMPTIVE CLOSE

- THIS CLOSE TAKES SOME NERVE
- USE IF YOU FEEL CONFIDENT THE EMPLOYER IS GOING TO HIRE YOUR CLIENT
- "WHAT DAY NEXT WEEK WOULD YOU LIKE JOHN TO START?"
- "WHEN DAVE STARTS TO WORK HERE, WHERE WILL HE FIND THE STAFF ROOM?"

#### ALTERNATE CLOSE

- GOOD TO USE WHEN YOU HAVE TWO QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR A POSITION AND THE EMPLOYER CAN ONLY HIRE ONE
- "WOULD YOU PREFER TO HIRE DAVE OR JOHN?"
- "WHICH PERSON APPEALS TO YOU MOST?"

## 6 STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS



## #1 CREATE A TARGETED PHONE LIST

 FROM YOUR ORGANIZATIONS MAILING LIST

FROM YOUR TARGETED CLIENT JOB READY LIST

• KNOW YOUR JOB READY CLIENTS

## #2 KNOW THE BUSINESS PROPOSITION - WIIFM

- WHAT IS WIIFM?
- WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME
- EMPLOYERS WANT TO KNOW WIIF THEM
- "WIDENING YOUR HIRING AND RECRUITMENT TO INCLUDE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH A WIDER POOL OF SKILLED AND TALENTED INDIVIDUALS."

## #3 DECIDE THE RIGHT TIME TO CALL

 THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE BUSINESS YOU ARE CALLING OR VISITING

• THE RIGHT DAY OF THE WEEK

• THE RIGHT TIME OF THE MONTH

## #4 KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY

WRITE A POINT FORM SCRIPT

 PRACTICE BEFORE CALLING (PEOPLE MAY LOOK AT YOU FUNNY)

#### #5 MAKE THE CALL

- INTRODUCE YOURSELF
- CLEARLY STATE REASON FOR THE CALL
- AVOID BS'ING OH HOW WONDERFUL THE WEATHER IS TODAY OR HOW ARE YOU DOING?

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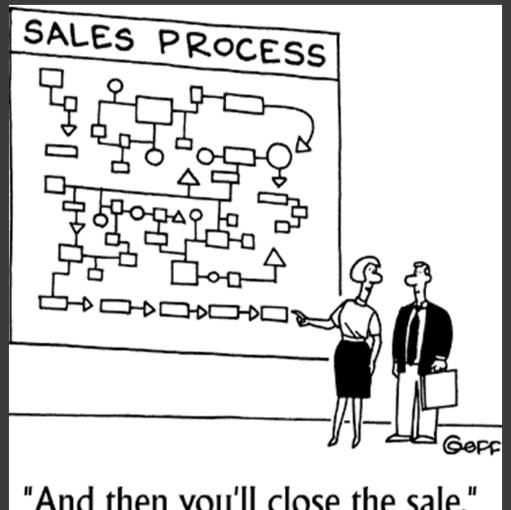
GO FOR THE "ASK"

#### #6 CLOSE THE "SALE"

• WHEN THE CALL GOES AS PLANNED AND THE EMPLOYER IS "BUYING" WHAT YOU ARE OFFERING - ASK FOR THE SALE

• IF I CAN BRING YOU A COUPLE OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE JOB – WILL YOU HIRE ONE OF THEM?

### CLOSING THE SALE - METHODS



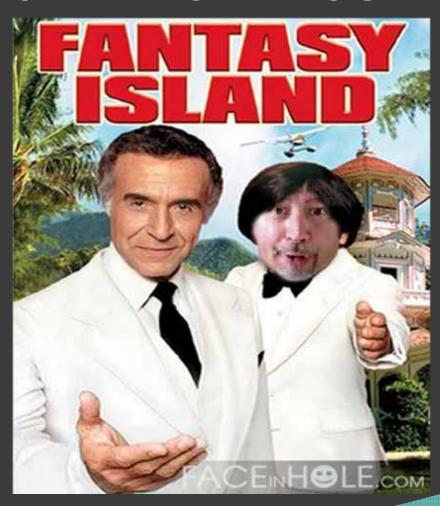
"And then you'll close the sale."

#### SUMMARY OF COLD CALL FLOW

- 1. Create a targeted phone list
- 2. Know the Business proposition WIIFM
  - 3. Decide the right time to call or visit

- 4. Know what you are going to say
  - 5. Make the Call
- 6. Ask and Close the Sale

## DON'T EVER ASSUME YOU HAVE THE JOB BEFORE YOU DO



#### IN CONCLUSION

- ODN'T FEAR THE COLD CALL
- BE PREPARED
- AVOID THE PHONY BS
- PROVIDE VALUE A BUSINESS PROPOSITION
- QUESTIONS?