



- 1. Is the performance deficiency important? If not, you could ignore it!
- 2. Does this performance deficiency exist:
 - a. At an organizational level?
 - b. At an occupational level (position type throughout the org.)?
 - c. At an individual level?
- 3. Did the deficiency emerge because of a strategic organizational change?
- 4. Is the deficiency due to a performance problem?
- 5. If it is a performance problem, is it a problem of skill or a problem of motivation?
- 6. If it is a problem of motivation, try feedback and rewards
- 7. If it is a skill deficiency, these are some options:
 - a. Provide training for the skill (if the employee does not have the skill)
 - b. Provide practice for the skill (if the employee has the skill, but is rusty)
 - c. Provide feedback to employees, and inform them of deficiency
 - d. Change the task so that the skill is not critical
 - e. Develop a job aid to supplement the skill or overcome it (technology?)
 - f. Provide OJT (on the job training) for the skill
 - g. Transfer the employee to another role where the skill isn't needed
 - h. Terminate the employee
- 8. Is training the solution for this problem?
 - a. Who needs to be trained?
 - b. How should training be delivered, and by whom?
 - c. What skills and knowledge should be included in the training program?

<u>Cause</u> <u>Solution</u>

If it is a skill or knowledge: Provide training

If it is due to lack of feedback: Provide feedback, explain standards

If employee is not motivated: Provide rewards/incentives, consequences/disincentives

If expectations are not clear: explain standards, measure outcome, discuss deficiencies

If deficiency is due to job environment: change the environment

As a final resort: Replace the employee