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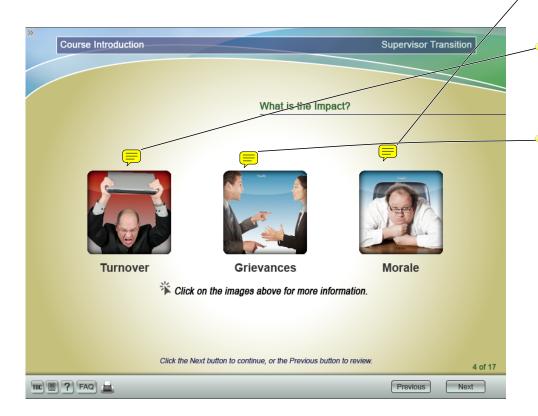
As a supervisor, you must articulate your intent clearly to eliminate confusion with your subordinates when given a task. When communication is not effective, you will not be able to understand your subordinates' needs. Effective communication is key to obtaining the productivity and results you desire.

When a subordinates and supervisor have a poor work relationship and interpersonal skills, both parties will be disengaged and unexcited about completing their work. However, when a good working relationship and interpersonal skills are present the organization benefits and goals are met.

As a supervisor, it is important to build trust and show integrity with your subordinates. These elements are critical to your ability to get things done. Be aware that building trust is not difficult, but it takes time.

As a supervisor, you must have the confidence to lead and motivate your subordinate employees. This includes directing them to achieve individual tasks and organizational goals.

As a supervisor, you might be surprised of the time commitment needed to lead your subordinates. Your day can be hectic and demanding. Most likely you will be faced with many interruptions throughout the day. It is important for a supervisor to set attainable annual, monthly, and weekly goals.



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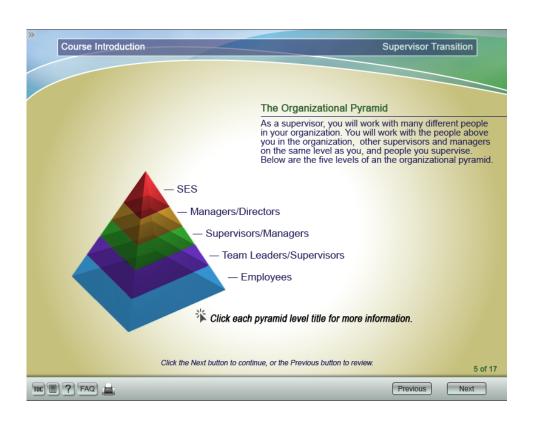
When leaders fail to address morale issues in the workplace they may face the following: decreased productivity, increased rates of absenteeism, increased conflicts in the work environment, and increased subordinate complaints.

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As a supervisor, it is important to realize the impact of not possessing effective supervisory skills. There could be high turnover if subordinates are not happy with their work situation such as not receiving proper communication from their supervisor, failure to have a clear direction or performance expectation, conflict with leadership and lack of a teamwork.

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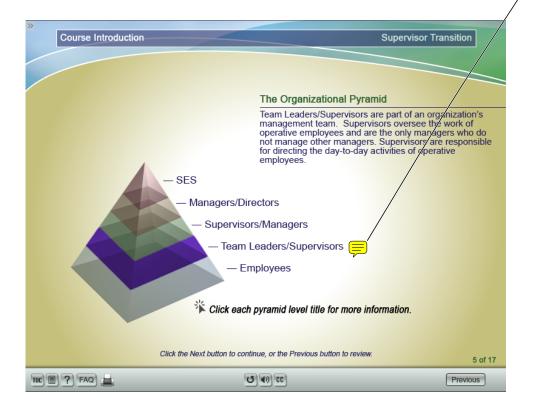
In certain circumstances, if a supervisor does not handle the situation they might be faced with grievances, complaints, EEO investigations, union involvement, etc. Some of these circumstances could be not handling leave, merit system principles, prohibited personnel practices, hiring, performance evaluations, and addressing a hostile environment, in the proper manner.





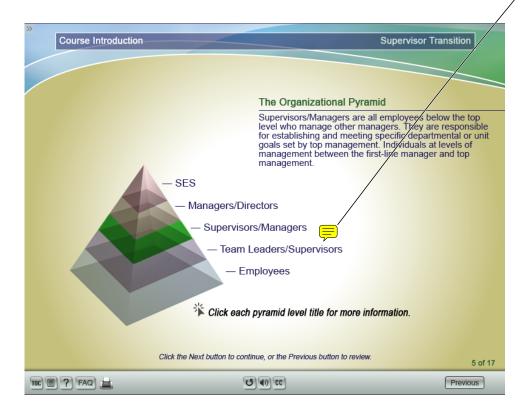
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Employees physically produce an organization's goods or services by working on specific

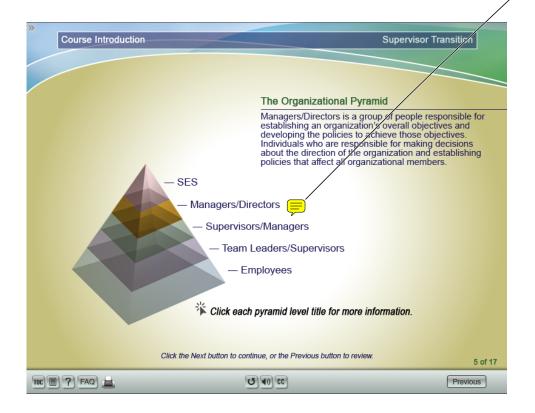


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Team Leaders/Supervisors are part of an organization's management team. Supervisors oversee the work of operative employees and are the only managers who do not manage other managers. Supervisors are responsible for directing the day-to-day activities of operative employees.

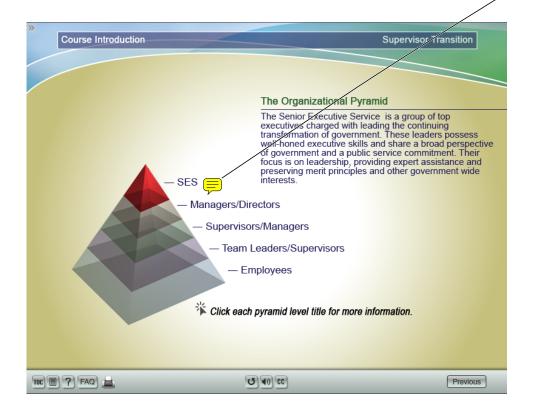


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Supervisors/Managers are all employees below the top level who manage other managers. They are responsible for establishing and meeting specific departmental or unit goals set by top management. Individuals at levels of management between the first-line manager and top management.



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Managers/Directors is a group of people responsible for establishing an organization's overall objectives and developing the policies to achieve those objectives. Individuals who are responsible for making decisions about the direction of the organization and establishing policies that affect all organizational members.



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The Senior Executive Service is a group of top executives charged with leading the continuing transformation of government. These leaders possess well-honed executive skills and share a broad perspective of government and a public service commitment. Their focus is on leadership, providing expert assistance and preserving merit principles and other government wide interests.



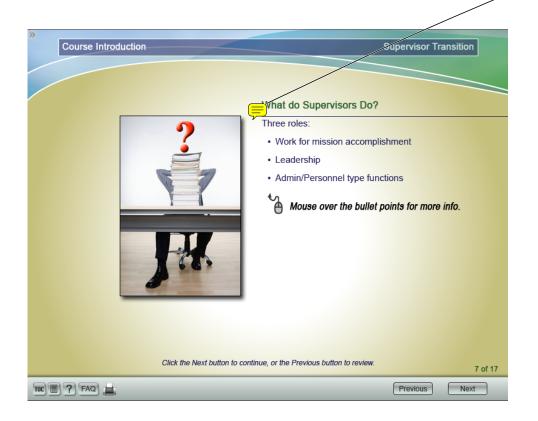
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As a supervisor the work will be different. Your responsibilities will increase. You will be required to do administrative work, supervising, and managing, which will result in less involvement with the actual work of the group.

As a supervisor, less of your work will be using your technical skills. You will now also be assessed on your management skills. These skills include: the ability to plan and organize work, monitor performance and look for ways to improve, maintain a healthy and safe working environment, prioritize work, day to day work planning, and setting standards. Because you now have responsibility for the well being of your employees and are also on the hook for the work they produce, you will engage in a significant amount of leadership.

As a supervisor, you will be involved in hiring employees, verifying time and attendance, evaluating and documenting performance, dealing with behavior problems, and the list goes on. Much of this is different or unique to federal civil service and the Army in particular.

Most likely you were promoted from within your organization. You must realize that your relationships with your peers will not remain the same. As the new supervisor, you should address the situation upfront. Discuss your new role and how it will affect your working relationship.



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A supervisor is an employee whose primary duty is management of an organizational unit within which they regularly direct the work of other employees. They regularly make decisions with respect to the execution of work within the unit. They spend time performing work, the work is of a higher level than that of the employees supervised. First level supervisors have a clear and vital role: achieve the organizational goals assigned to their work unit through the unit's employees.

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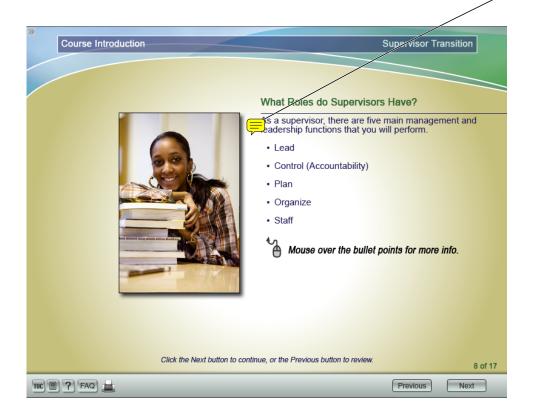
Consistent with the belief that one of the most important abilities needed by supervisors is strong interpersonal skills, they are looked at as behavioral specialists. To succeed in their jobs, supervisors must be able to understand the varied needs of their staff and be able to listen, motivate, and lead. Supervisors are more like mentors and coaches enabling people to accomplish tasks which may be beyond their own level of competence.

(3)

A supervisor is responsible for many administrative and personnel type functions including:

1. monitoring performance throughout the year2. providing training for employees 3. rewarding employees for performance 4. determining job duties and responsibilities for subordinates5. approving leaving6. hiring qualified applicants

Recognize this list is not a comprehensive list of all admin/personnel type functions but a good start.



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Leading is the most important role. It is the motivation of employees, direction of activities of others, selection of the most effective communication channel, and resolution of conflicts among members. It is influencing people to act or not act in a certain way.

Leading also involves caring for your people.

Controlling in monitoring an organization's performance and comparing performance with previously set goals. If significant deviations exist, getting the organization back on track.

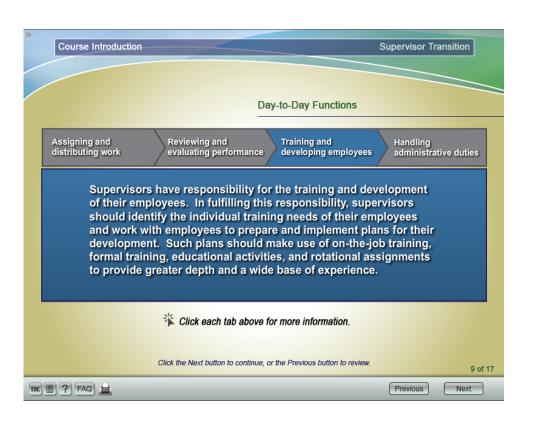
Planning is defining an organization's goals, establishing an overall strategy for achieving these goals, and developing a comprehensive hierarchy of plans to integrate and coordinate activities. Planning is the foundation for the other four functions of management.

Organizing is arranging and grouping jobs, allocating resources, and assigning work so that activities can be accomplished as planned; determining what tasks are to be done, who is to do them, how the tasks are to be grouped, who reports to whom, and when decisions are to be made.

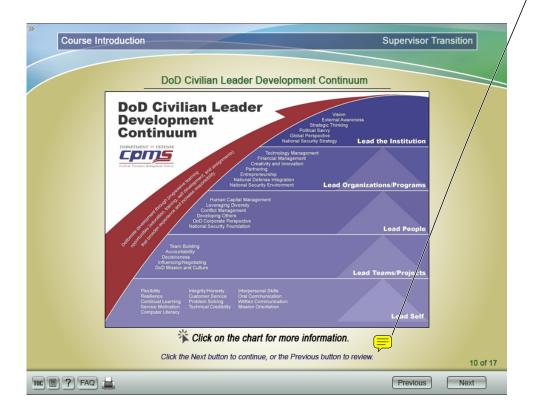
Staffing is filling all positions with qualified people. It includes recruiting, hiring, orienting, training, evaluating, and compensating. Supervisors need to anticipate the need for replacements.











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As a supervisor, it is important to know competencies are being used as a way to refocus the organization on what is really important and what it takes for the workforce to be successful. Competency can be defined as an underlying characteristic of an employee (i.e., a motive, trait, skill, aspects of one's self image, social role, or a body of knowledge) which results in effective and/or superior performance.

In addition, competencies provide the mechanism to zero in on the technical aspects of a particular job and devise a critical path through regulations and laws to the results desired by management.

Competencies provide a clear and consistent way of conveying expectations for Army leaders. Current and future leaders want to know what to do to succeed in their leadership responsibilities. The core leader competencies apply across all levels of the organization, across leader positions, and throughout careers. Competencies are demonstrated through behaviors that can be readily observed and assessed by a spectrum of leaders and followers: superiors, subordinates, peers, and mentors.

Competency based leadership development is a comprehensive approach to the development of knowledge, skills and abilities that are needed to successfully perform in the work environment. Competency based learning is measured against established standards and levels of expected performance for the position. Competency based development may be gained through formal education and training, life experience and on-the-job learning. All of these methods contribute to developing a competent and successful leader.



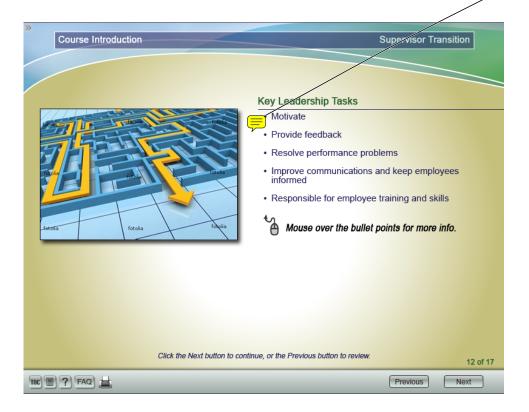
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This image depicts The Department of Defense (DoD) Leader Development Framework and Continuum which applies to all DoD employees. The continuum addresses the competencies an employee is expected to obtain as his or her career progresses. The foundational competencies under "Lead Self" apply to all DoD employees. Employees will continue to develop their proficiencies in other competencies as they assume positions of increased responsibility and leadership.

The DoD Civilian Leader Development Framework and Continuum was developed in collaboration with the Components to serve as the blueprint for deliberate and comprehensive development of leaders from entry level through senior executive.

Leadership development is not a trend. The Federal Government is facing a leadership crisis. With impending government employee retirements and fewer citizens pursuing a career in public service, there has been increased emphasis on preparing employees across the continuum to assume greater positions of leadership. Leadership development is critical to ensure the continuity of a cadre of leaders to execute mission requirements.

With 90 percent of government executives eligible to retire in the next ten years, leadership development has become an imperative for the federal government. The competition for leaders will be intense; we must be dedicated to building a leadership pipeline. Leader development is critical to our ability to build a competent and ready leadership bench across the continuum.



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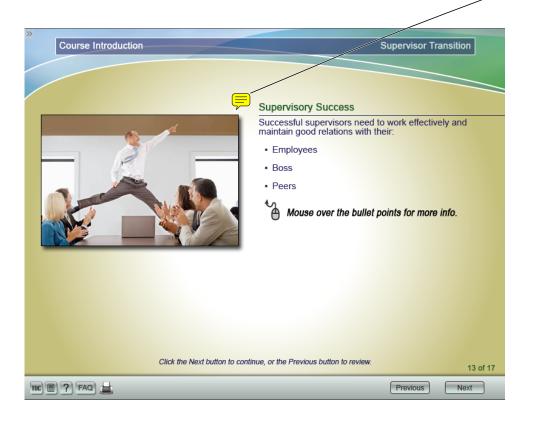
When employees feel genuinely cared for, then you are motivating employees to increase productivity. Ensure that employees have strong input to identifying their goals and that these goals are aligned with goals of the organization. A motivated workforce is far more likely to be a successful workforce.

Providing feedback to an employee is an important skill. Whether it is positive feedback designed to commend the employee for doing particularly well or corrective feedback designed to improve performance, it should be specific, individualized and delivered by the manager in person.

As a supervisor, you should communicate with your employees in order to motivate employees to invest the effort needed to correct performance. A counseling session should be held to clarify expectations and discuss performance problems.

Supervisors must develop effective communication skills because employees look to supervisors to provide them information, listen to their concerns and keep private conversations about performance confidential. To communicate effectively, supervisors must learn to listen, speak with respect and treat all employees equally in regard to the information they have to share about the workplace.

Supervisors should offer employees training and development in areas that will improve personal growth as well as increase their effectiveness. Training and developmental activities for all employees should be planned and aligned with the mission and needs of the organization.



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With employees, supervisors should set a good example, be ethical, and develop trust.

Supervisors should give their boss loyalty, cooperation, information, and results. They should be aware of, and respond to the boss's style.

With peers, supervisors should keep competition fair and as friendly as possible, and offer support or feedback in a constructive way.



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Sense of responsibility.

Supervisors must be willing to take seriously the responsibility that goes with the job.

Self confidence.

Supervisors who believe in their ability to get the job done will convey confidence to employees.

High energy level.

Many organizations expect supervisors to willingly put in long hours in order to handle the variety of duties that come with the job.

Empathy.

Supervisors need to be understanding and considerate with employees and recognize the different times and challenges life presents.

Internal locus of control.

People with an internal locus of control are thought to be leaders because they try harder to take charge of events.

Sense of humor.

People with a good sense of humor are more fun to work with or for.

Adaptability: is an individual's ability to recognize changes in the environment, identify the critical elements of the new situation, and trigger changes accordingly to meet new requirements.

Resilience: showing a tendency to recover quickly from setbacks, shock, injuries, adversity, and stress while maintaining a mission and organizational focus.

Service Motivated: the Army Values consist of the principles, standards, and qualities considered essential for successful Army leaders. They are fundamental to helping Army civilians make the right decision in any situation.

Trust and Discipline: Adhering to the principles that the Army Values embody is essential to upholding high ethical standards of behavior. Unethical behavior quickly destroys organizational morale and cohesion—it undermines the trust and confidence essential to teamwork and mission accomplishment. Consistently doing the right thing

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forges strong character in individuals and expands to create a culture of trust throughout the organization.

Values: Values represent the beliefs that a person has. The seven Army Values represent a set of common beliefs that leaders are expected to uphold and reinforce by their actions. The translation from desirable ethics to internal values to actual behavior involves choices.

Ethical Conduct: Ethics are concerned with how a person should behave. Ethical conduct must reflect genuine values and beliefs. Soldiers and Army civilians adhere to the Army Values because they want to live ethically and profess the values because they know what is right. Adopting good values and making ethical choices are essential to produce leaders of character.

