

Module 3: The Marketing Plan: Make it Simple, Realistic and Doable



## "The aim of marketing is to make selling superfluous."

— Peter Drucker

## **Building Relationships**



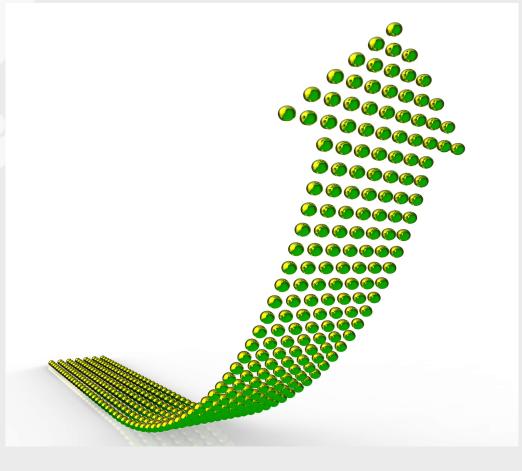
"The goal of effective marketing is to have a strategy whereby you build relationships with people over time so that they come to know, like and trust you."



#### Principle of Reciprocity

"When you give to people, they naturally want to give back."

#### **Think Long-Term Results**



## "Marketing is an ongoing process, not a one-time event."

- Juliet Austin



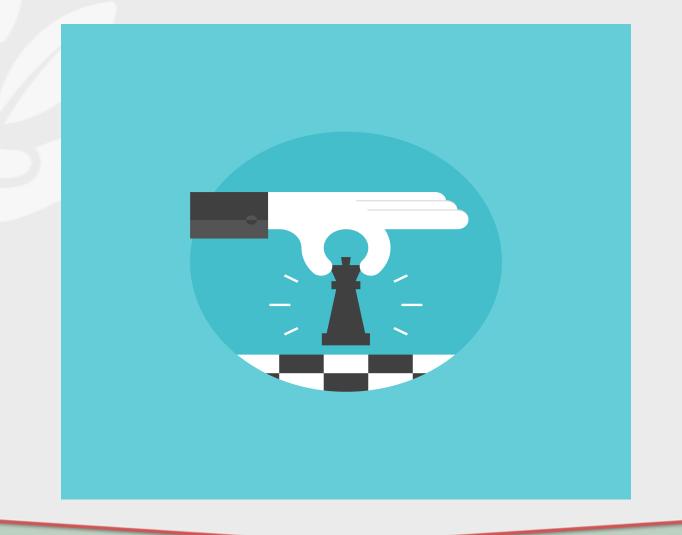


# An outcome you want to achieve (realistic, specific and measurable).

#### **Goal Example**

Increase revenue to \$100,000 by Dec. 31.

#### **Develop Marketing Strategy**



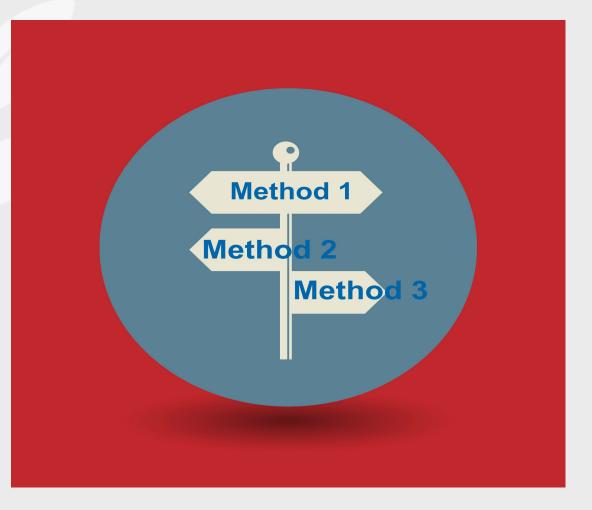
## **Marketing Strategy**

# The overall vision you have in order to achieve your goals.

## **Strategy Example**

## Promote my business as the number #1 online resource for \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Marketing Methods**



#### **Marketing Methods/Tactics**

The actions you take on a regular basis to achieve your goals.

Example: Marketing Methods/Tactics

- write blog post every week
- create helpful videos
- create new modern website

## **Choosing Methods/Tactics**

- which methods?- depends on goals, time, what you like and want to do
- choose combination of online and offline methods
- choose I- 4 methods to start
- methods should work together

## **Online Marketing**



## **Online Methods**

- directories (free or paid)
- content marketing (blogging/ newsletter/videos, audios, etc.)
- social media (Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Pinterest, etc.)
- teleseminars/webinars



## Local Methods

- speaking (free or for a fee)
- referral marketing
  - with other professionals/ business owners
  - clients/family/friends
- business networking meetings



## **Marketing Plan Sample**

Marketing Methods	Action Steps	Time Lines		
<ol> <li>Online Directories:</li> <li>Update Psych. Today</li> <li>Create new listing-</li> <li>Counselling BC</li> <li>Update Theravive</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Update Psych. Today and Theravive to make more client-attracting.</li> <li>Write new listing for Couns. BC</li> </ol>	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct. 30th Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>		
2. Content Marketing: Newsletter/blog	<ol> <li>Research articles online for my target audience to get ideas of topics to write about (e.g. Google, Amazon.com)</li> <li>Come up with article topics for the next 12 articles (3 months)</li> <li>Write weekly articles on Mondays; publish to my list/blog on Tuesdays.</li> </ol>	Oct. 3 Oct. 10 Weekly		
3. Free talks for Organizations	<ol> <li>Research Places to give talks to people interested in my topics (e.g. Google, ask others, etc)</li> <li>Contact organizations by phone and follow-up as appropriate.</li> <li>Prepare 2 talks that my target audience is interested in.</li> <li>Schedule 2 free talks per month.</li> <li>Prepare/print promo materials to give out at talks.</li> <li>Prepare sign-up sheet for my newsletter.</li> </ol>	Oct. 15 Contact 2 per month Oct. 30 Ongoing Oct. 30 Oct. 30		



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## **Steps to Improve**

- I. Review and modify regularly.
- 2. If something isn't working find out why -don't abandon prematurely.
- 3. All methods of marketing work –key is to figure out HOW to make them work for you.



### Path To Success

- I. Have clear goals.
- 2. Create a realistic strategy to achieve goals.
- 3. Record steps in the Marketing Plan.
- 4. Include time lines.
- 5. Block out time in your calendar.
- 6. Put due dates in your calendar.
- 7. Track and modify results.

# "Action is the foundational key to all success."

— Pablo Picasso

"It's not enough to do our best. Sometimes we have to do what is required."

— Sir Winston Churchill

