

Tapping the Wisdom of our Seniors... Canton Senior Center

Training-plan-innovation-team-

Community-Led Projects: Empower residents to lead and participate in innovation projects that directly benefit their neighborhoods, such as community problem-solving, local arts programs, or technology hubs.

Initial Plan:

1. Agreement that an initial team will be created at the Canton Senior Center to implement an Innovation Senior Process. BILL/DIANE
2. Send out a request to members looking for people who want to work on making things better in the community... **Tapping the Wisdom of the seniors** BILL/DIANE
3. Review & select team members BILL/DIANE
4. Have first membership meeting and discuss Charter of the team ALL TEAM
- 5.

Building the team:

1. Getting to know each other
2. Questioning exercise

Group discussion Discuss with each other- what it means to be:

- Creative
- Curious
- Open-mindedness
- Persistence
- Listening Team guideline/norms Discuss teams versus groups.

Remind seniors of the difference between a group and a team.

A team relies on each member's commitment to one another's success, has a well-defined purpose, and uses the combined resources of the team to produce a better product.

Early in the project, all team members should be able to answer the

following five questions:

1. What do I bring to the team?
2. What are our commitments to one another?
3. What differences exist between us?
4. How will we operate?
5. How will we know we are succeeding?

Out-reach Program:

Find seniors with communication skills to create documents to reach out to non-profits for support and funding.



Outcomes:

Recognition Programs:

Establish programs to recognize and reward innovative ideas and projects that make a positive impact on the community.

Storytelling: Share stories of local innovation successes through newsletters, social media, and community meetings to inspire and build pride among residents.