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PPAI Fast Track: The Promotional Consultant's Edge

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The Goal:

- Confidence through competence

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A Few Questions:

- Competence or mastery? At what level do you wish to operate?
- Salesperson or Owner? What's Your Mindset?
- Event Training or Process Success?
- What do the Most Successful Businesses Have in Common?

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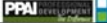
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What the Most Successful Have in Common:

"The successful person has formed the habit of doing things that failures don't like to do..."

--- Albert E. N. Gray

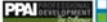


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How Do You Want to Sell?

- **Geographically** – Everyone in a Geographic Area
- **By Industry** – Everyone in my selected industry or industries, regardless of location
- **By Program Specialty** – Safety programs, event marketing, etc.
- **By Product Specialty** – Wearables, trophies, etc.
- **Some combination thereof**
 - ✓ All financial institutions within 100 miles
 - ✓ East Coast pharmaceutical companies
 - ✓ Safety programs for HVAC manufacturers
 - ✓ Trophies for karate schools nationwide




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What Solutions Do You Want to Sell?

- **Event Marketing**
- **Business Gifts**
- **Self-Promotion**
- **Employee Incentives & Recognition**
- **Trade Shows**
- **Public Relations**
- **Brand Awareness**
- **Motivation**
- **Fund Raising**
- **Safety Programs**



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The Diagnostic Approach to Sales

1. Examine
2. Diagnose
3. Prescribe

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Questions are the Answer:

- What sort of events do you have coming up within the next 30-60-90 days?
- What's the most effective promotion you've ever done?
- What are some of your goals for your company/division?
- Do you attend or exhibit at any trade shows?
- How do you currently create awareness of your brand in the market?

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Questions are the Answer:

- What sort of business gifts do you use?
- What do you currently do to motivate or recognize your staff and salespeople?
- How do you currently promote yourself or your business in the marketplace?
- What sort of corporate safety programs do you have in place?
- How does your decision making process work?

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How Do You Plan to Reach Them?

- In person canvassing
- Networking events
- By phone
- Regular mail
- Dimensional (lumpy) mail
- A useful and targeted promotional product
- Printed newsletter
- Postcards
- E-mail
- Fax

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How Do You Plan to Reach Them?

- Web Audio
- YouTube Video
- Audio/Video Podcasts
- Virtual samples
- Random samples of appropriate new products
- Spec samples
- Gifts related to their interests or industry
- Details on a successful promotion you've done or read about

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To Run Circles Around Your Competitors:

1. *Target proactively by Geography, Industry, Program or Product Specialty*
2. *Use the diagnostic approach to examine need, diagnose issues and prescribe solutions*
3. *Use focused questions to establish rapport and determine opportunity*
4. *Reach out often using a varied combination of marketing vehicles*
5. *Sell the solutions that people want to buy*


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Questions?

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