

Brainstorm – Creating a Culture to Support and Sustain Healthy Environments

Consider how you could work with the staff, trainers, coaches, children and perhaps even families to help maintain a healthy environment. How can you help foster mutual responsibility and commend staff members, children and families who go above and beyond to help create and maintain a healthy environment that diminishes the spread of infectious diseases?

One idea: If you have a difficult time getting staff to comply with cleaning requirements, perhaps creating a contest will motivate them to do so. There are many different ways to go about this, but one method involves training a core of cleaning ambassadors. This group could be staff, parents and even children and youth. The ambassadors (or any other title you would like to give them) would assess classrooms and give awards to the cleanest classroom. Awards translate into points and the classroom with the most points after a specified period of time would earn some type of prize. This approach gets everyone involved in maintaining a clean environment.

Read the article available at the [Apply section in Lesson 1 of the Healthy Environments course in the Management track](#) and think carefully about your own staff. Which strategies or tools would work when it comes to motivating staff to maintain a clean, healthy environment? List your ideas below and outline a plan for implementation of your idea(s).