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On-Demand Webinars

“Tired, Thanks for Asking: Recharging Your Energy to Find Joy at Work” by, Alisha Brown, MSW

“One-On-One 101: Developing Relationship-Based and Productive Supervision Practices” by, Leah Klein, BSW, MAOL

“Leading Through Change: Supporting Leaders and Staff Through the Messy Middle” by, Chuck Price, MS



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Upcoming Events

Connect with the Blue Collar Team
at Our Table

- Wisconsin Association of Family & Children's Agencies (WAFCA) Leadership Summit 2025, March 6-7, 2025 in Madison, WI - [Link](#)
- Positive Childhood Alliance, Learning & Leadership Summit, March 18-19, 2025 in North Carolina - [Link](#)
- Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) 2025 Spring Conference, April 30-May 2, 2025 in Green Bay, WI - [Link](#)

March Weekly Newsletter Series: Emotional Intelligence & Leadership

Here's the lineup for our March newsletter series. Each edition will feature a thought-provoking insight, a leadership question, expert input from Blue Collar Consulting, and an actionable tip.

- March 7: Self-Awareness – Great leadership starts with understanding yourself.
- March 14: Empathy in Leadership – Strong leaders connect and listen.
- March 21: Emotional Regulation – Staying composed under pressure.
- March 28: Resilience – Turning setbacks into growth.



Industry Insights:

In 2025, leadership is increasingly defined by adaptability, empathy, and inclusivity. Leaders are expected to navigate complex environments by leveraging technological innovations such as AI and automation. Human-centered leadership, which emphasizes emotional intelligence and employee well-being, is crucial for fostering engagement and productivity. Additionally, diverse and inclusive leadership teams are shown to drive better financial performance and innovation. As the business landscape evolves, leaders who continuously learn and adapt will be best positioned to succeed.

References: [1] [Top 10 Leadership Trends for 2025 | Horton International](#) and [2] [Top 5 Leadership Trends That Will Shape 2025 - Korn Ferry](#)



Let us assist you and your organization! Schedule a complimentary 30-minute consultation with Chuck Price, co-owner.

Expert Tips:



5 Easy Ways to Boost Employee Morale

Keeping your team happy and motivated is key to a great workplace. Here are five simple tips to help boost employee morale:

- **Celebrate Wins:** Give a shout-out when someone does a great job. Whether it's a quick thank-you note, a mention in a meeting, or a small award, recognizing achievements makes a big difference.
- **Keep Communication Open:** Make sure everyone feels comfortable sharing their thoughts and ideas. Regular team meetings, one-on-one chats, and even an anonymous suggestion box can help everyone feel heard and valued.

- **Support Growth:** Help your team grow by offering training and development opportunities. When people see a chance to advance their careers, they stay more motivated and engaged.
- **Encourage Work-Life Balance:** Promote a healthy balance by offering flexible schedules, remote work options, and wellness programs. This helps reduce burnout and keeps everyone happy.
- **Create a Fun Environment:** Make work enjoyable by organizing team-building activities, celebrating milestones, and creating spaces where people can relax. A positive atmosphere fosters teamwork and a sense of belonging.

Looking for some fun and creative ways to celebrate your team's achievements? I've got you covered with a list of awesome ideas! Check it out and get inspired...



Celebrating wins boosts morale and motivation. Here are some fun ideas:

1. **Team Outings:** Organize activities like picnics or bowling for bonding.
2. **Office Parties:** Host themed parties with decorations, music, and potlucks.
3. **Personalized Awards:** Create quirky awards for team members during a casual ceremony.
4. **Small Gift Cards and Treats:** Surprise the team with gift cards or treats like donuts.
5. **Shout-Out Wall/Virtual Space:** Set up a wall for notes of appreciation & congratulations.
6. **Extra Time Off:** Offer an extra day off or half-day for relaxation.
7. **Team-Building Activities:** Plan fun events like trivia nights or escape rooms.
8. **Public Recognition:** Highlight achievements in newsletters or meetings.

These varied ideas can keep celebrations engaging and encourage anticipation for future wins! 🍓 I hope you like them!

FEATURED ARTICLE



Why Child Welfare Reforms Must Focus on Organizational Health

By Mike Leach

2/17/2025

I am summarizing this article: When child welfare systems are scrutinized due to lawsuits and investigations, the focus is often on measurable outcomes like caseload sizes and placement stability. However, this emphasis on quantifiable results can overlook the crucial factor of organizational health. The well-being and morale of staff are essential for

delivering quality services. True reform requires fostering a culture of safety, trust, and continuous learning within child welfare organizations. This involves supporting and valuing workers, ensuring psychological safety, and investing in leadership development and professional growth. Sustainable progress comes from prioritizing the internal environment and resilience of the workforce, not just meeting numerical targets.

Ultimately, the success of child welfare systems hinges on the balance between achieving measurable outcomes and nurturing a healthy organizational culture. By prioritizing the well-being of the workforce, we can create a more effective and compassionate system that truly serves the needs of vulnerable children and families.



[Link to Full Article](#)



Howl You Doing?

Dog of the Month Spotlight

Meet Rikka! A charming 6-year-old Belgian Malinois with a personality as unique as her name. Rikka is a beloved member of Brooke's sister's family, the Garcias!

Rikka is affectionate but not much of a cuddler. She's fiercely protective of her human sisters and loves her feline friends. However, she's not a fan of singing or dancing—she'll bark and jump until the performance stops!

This lovely lady enjoys lounging on the sofa, combining cuteness with a sense of security. At night, she's on high alert, ensuring everyone in the house is safe. If the cats get into a squabble, Rikka is quick to step in and restore peace.

Rikka has her preferences when it comes to affection: she loves it when Mom scratches her head and when Dad gives her a good booty scratch. She's also very protective of her younger sister, Toka. Together, they make an adorable pair.



Why "Blue Collar"?



by Chuck Price & Brooke Sena

We chose our business name and logo for several reasons. "Blue Collar" represents a few trademark identifiers: dependable, hardworking, genuine, authentic, and fun. We feel that these characteristics describe us perfectly. The dog in our logo portrays our mutual love of dogs – can't be serious all the time, right? The colors in our logo are

intended to represent the blending of our personalities as well. Blue stands for being compassionate, kind-hearted, honest, and relationship based. Orange is for being bold, charming, confident, adventurous, and fun. By reflecting on our name, logo, and origin story, we hope that our peers will be able to gather a strong sense of who we are and what we stand for.

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