

Strategies for **DELTA** Challenging Conversations

Is this the right moment to address the offender?

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Support the targeted person.

- Model more respectful behavior and language toward the targeted person.
- Redirect the conversation.

Prepare for the difficult conversation

n the moment

- Set your goals for the conversation, and focus on mutual goals if possible.
- Choose an appropriate time and place for your conversation.
- Anticipate possible outcomes.
- Practice self-care.
- Recognize your own emotional triggers.

YES

conversation **During the**

- Be clear and direct. (Naming)
- Stay on track.
- Acknowledge the other person's feelings and POV.
- Focus on behaviors, not opinions.
- Expect and manage emotions.
- Listen actively.
- Breathe and take your time.

Naming

- Acknowledge conflict.
- Name ground rules.
- Name silence.
- Name that this is hard to talk about.
- · Name your identities.
- Name your own potential for shortcoming.

Intent vs. Impact

- Acknowledge the impact of your behavior.
- Seek to rectify it.
- Practice benefit of the doubt.
- Remember: the relationship is more important than "being right."