Performance Review Template for Managers

How to lead a productive evaluation
Focus on the Work
- Invite your employee to share their perspective on their performance
- Dig into big wins on specific action items and talk about ways to improve
- Speak to the objectives and key results (OKR)s agreed upon early in the year

Recognize Strengths
- Speak to the employee’s most significant accomplishments this year
- Talk about ways in which the employee embodied company’s values
- Tell the employee about the positive feedback you’ve heard from other team members

Observe Emotions
- Be mindful of any emotions or strong reactions that come up
- Listen with compassion and empathy and continue to own the message

Follow Through
- Maintain momentum. Schedule a cadence for regular conversations in 1:1s or quarterly reviews
- Work together to build a development program. Define key actions to help the employee overcome obstacles and grow in his/her career

Communicate Challenges and Identify Opportunities
- Invite the employee to share thoughts on challenges they’ve faced
- Name the challenges you’ve seen the employee face. Reference specific projects or patterns.
- Focus on opportunities to overcome challenges and encourage reflection. Point to learning resources to help them overcome those challenges

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BE SPECIFIC
Point to specific moments in time that lead you to provide your feedback.

OWN IT
Show respect and earn respect by owning the feedback you give.

DO A FEEDBACK CHECK
Be sure the employee can communicate in their own words that the message was received.

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