

How to Advocate for What You Need

Moms in MFG

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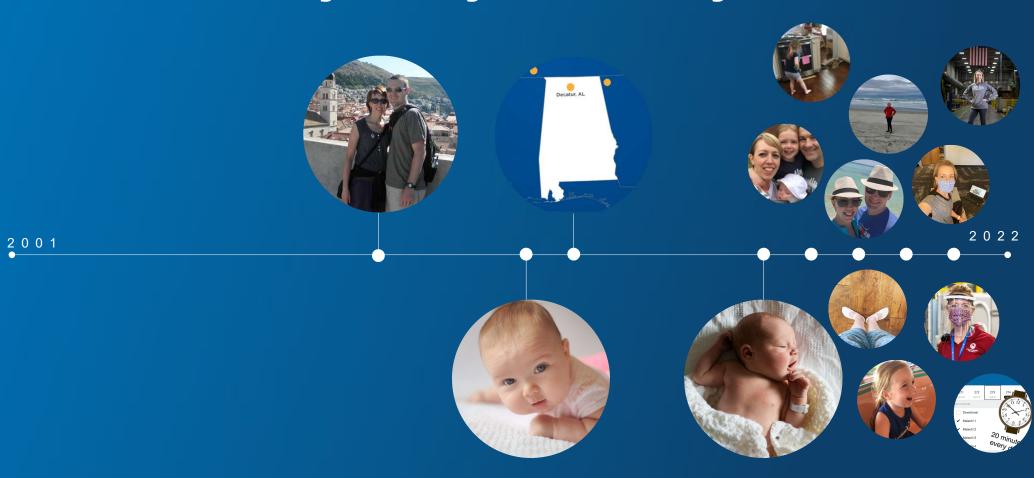




Seramount's 2021 Best Companies for Multicultural Women







Noun
/'advəkət/

A person who upholds or defends a cause





Verb /'advəˌkāt/

To support or argue for



Advocacy Matters

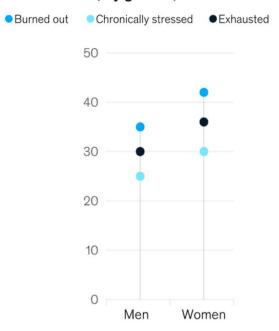


Burnout is on the rise

Women are even more burned out now than they were a year ago, and the gap in burnout between women and men has almost doubled.

In the past year, one in three women has considered leaving the workforce or downshifting their career.

Respondents experiencing burnout or exhaustion, by gender, 1%



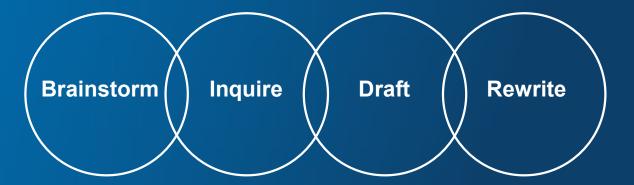
¹Question: In the last few months, which of the following have you felt consistently at work? Source: Women in the Workplace 2021, Leanln.Org and McKinsey, 2021

Advocacy real talk.



Create Your Personal Purpose Statement

- Defines who you are and reflects your values
- Provides guidance and clarity on decisions and life direction
- Should be 1-2 sentences and in 'your language'
- Use present tense







 Be honest in assessing all areas of your life including: Home, Community, Work

Check for alignment to your purpose,
 be specific and cite examples

 Collect your thoughts in 2 columns (aligned vs. not aligned)



Reflect on your conditions



Aligned

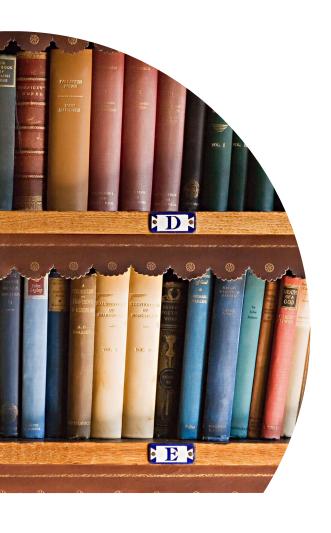
- Celebrate alignment!
- Interrogate each area on 'why' you've been able to achieve alignment
 - o Is it me?
 - o Is it us?
 - o Is it them?
- Use these learnings as you look at the next column



Not Aligned

- Don't 'judge' it, resist placing blame
- Interrogate each area on 'how' you can move towards alignment
 - o Is it me?
 - o Is it us?
 - o Is it them?

Me - Us - Them



Reflect...is it me?

Can you make a different choice with your time?

 Look for the waste in your schedule

Have you overextended yourself?

• 'No' is a complete sentence

Are your standards too high?

 Letting go can be powerful for your mindset



Reflect...Is it us?

- Identify the people that are in your corner at home, in your community and at work
- Leverage them for support, trade-offs and encouragement
- Don't be afraid to ask for help!



Reflect...Is it Them?

Look at the policies and benefits that exist

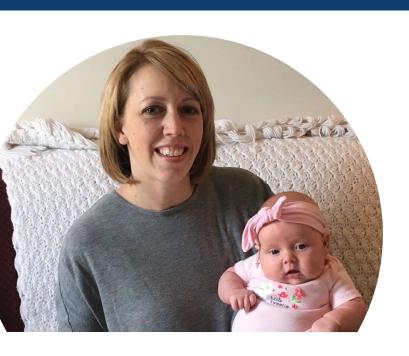
• Are you utilizing them?

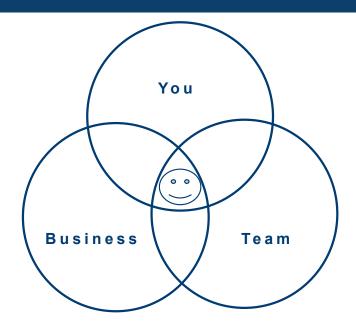
Identify who is needed for a candid conversation

• Involve an 'us' if appropriate

Be fair and realistic in your assessment

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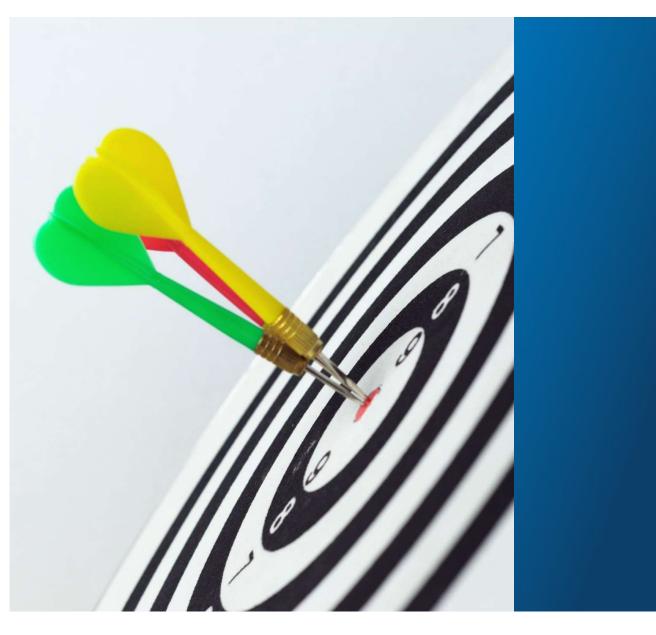


Now it's time to Experiment.

Be prepared for bullseyes and complete misses.

Tips to increase success:

- Document the experiment
- Be specific
- Make it measurable, what does success look like
- Time established for reassessment
- Candid conversation, open for adjustment



Advocate for What You Need

Create your personal purpose statement

Assess alignment of reality to your purpose

Reflect on your conditions to understand 'how' Experiment with ways to improve alignment

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Questions?

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My challenge for you...

- Create your personal purpose statement and share it with someone
- Work through alignment, reflection and identify at least 1 experiment to run
- Let me know how it goes!



