Creating and Marketing Your Web Site A Five Step Social Marketing Approach

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Why A Social Marketing Approach?

- Uses influence rather than coercive strategies
- Brings about voluntary behavior change
- Focuses on the personal and societal welfare
- Uses commercial marketing technologies and theories

Step I: Initial Planning Understanding the issue, target audience & environment

- Brainstorm web site's mission
- Break this down to ten words
- Put it in writing and display it
- Define and segment target audiences
- Assess economic, political, and social environment
- Analyze competition

Step II: Formative Research Using the data from Step I to develop the message/product Convene Task Force Choose designer and software • Best way to give message/product Design message/product Creative message

Step III: Strategy Formation
Conduct, analyze, and share focus group data with task force

RE-WORK:

Product Strategy: maximize the benefits
Pricing Strategy: lower the "cost"
Placement Strategy: create easy access
Promotional Strategy: how audience is being targeted by competitors

Step IV: Marketing Implementation

Develop the implementation plan
Purchase the media
Generate publicity

Step V: Tracking and Evaluation

- On-line evaluation form
- Feedback e-mail
- Tracking software
- Counter
- Surveys
- Focus groups

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 Development at www.mvd.com
- Front Page '98 by Microsoft
- Page Mill by Adobe at www.adobe.com
- *Home Page* by Claris at www.claris.com

Tracking Software:

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