







# 6 THINKING HATS

## DIRECTIONS:

Have students flush out their top ideas using 6 hats. One way you could do this is to have each team member put on a different colored hat and look at the top ideas through this perspective. As a group they could share their feedback based on the hat they are wearing.

	<p>1. <b>Blue Hat:</b> manages the thinking process. It's the control mechanism that ensures protocols are observed.</p>	<p><b>"The Facilitator"</b>  <i>Define the Issue and Process</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Where should we go first?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Where do we start?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What should we be thinking about?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is there an underlying problem?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is this the real problem?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Why do we need to solve this problem?</li> </ul> <p><i>Assessment of the Process</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Are we getting anywhere?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What factors should we consider?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What sort of outcome would we regard as successful?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What have we achieved so far?</li> </ul> <p><i>Delegate Roles &amp; Responsibilities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Could you put on the "X" hat?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> You're not using the "X" hat.</li> </ul>
	<p>2. <b>White Hat:</b> focuses on available data (facts and figures) while remaining neutral.</p>	<p><b>"The Researcher"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What information do we have?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What information do we need?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What information is missing?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What questions do we need to ask?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How are we going to get the information we need?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is it fact... or belief?</li> </ul>
	<p>3. <b>Yellow Hat:</b> symbolizes positive brightness and optimism.</p>	<p><b>"The Sunshine"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What positives can you see in this idea?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What could be done to make this work better? Faster?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Under what conditions could this work?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What is your vision for how this could work?</li> </ul>
	<p>4. <b>Black Hat:</b> provides the basis of logical, critical thinking offering careful, cautious, and defensive insights.</p>	<p><b>"The Devil's Advocate"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What will happen if we take this action?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What can go wrong if we proceed with this idea or implement this suggestion?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What are the weaknesses that we need to overcome?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How does this "fit" with our (or other's) experience, policy, strategy, values, ethics, and resources?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How will people respond?</li> </ul>
	<p>5. <b>Red Hat:</b> uses intuition, gut reaction, and robust emotion (from the adult or child perspective).</p>	<p><b>"The Heart"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How do you react to this?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What is your intuition/opinion about this?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gut feelings... Hunches or insights... Likes/dislikes?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What emotions [fear, anger, hatred, suspicion, jealousy, or love] are involved here?</li> </ul>
	<p>6. <b>Green Hat:</b> stands for new energy, possibilities, and creativity.</p>	<p><b>"The Innovator"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Let's think "outside the box."</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What are some fresh ideas or approaches?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is the time for any wild or crazy or "far out" idea.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This idea won't work in its present form, but can we shape it or adapt it so that it might be usable?</li> </ul>