



# Viva Goals Office Hours

**How to Build OKRs into Your  
Business Rituals in 2023**

January 25th  
9am PST / 12pm EST

# Agenda

- Welcome and Icebreaker (5 min)
- How to Build OKRs into Your Business Rituals—  
Liz Pierce & Tamara Taylor (15 min)
- Breakout rooms (10 min)
- Viva Goals Product Deep Dive: Azure DevOps  
integration (10 min)
- AMA (15 min)

Icebreaker

# Icebreaker

What are you most looking forward to in 2023? Type it out or share a GIF that represents it in the chat! We'll go first!



# How to Build OKRs into Your Business Rituals: The Four C's to Ensure Success

# Building OKRs into your business rituals

## Getting started

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*How do you set up OKR program expectations in context of your organization's existing business processes?*

## Getting value

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*How do you weave OKRs into your existing business rhythms to derive maximum value?*

# Getting started: Key Questions To Ask

- ① What are the existing planning "centers of gravity" in your organization?
- ② Who runs planning for that "center of gravity" today?
- ③ Which cadence/rhythms do you use for planning?

# Example: OKR Program Expectations

*Planning Center of Gravity*

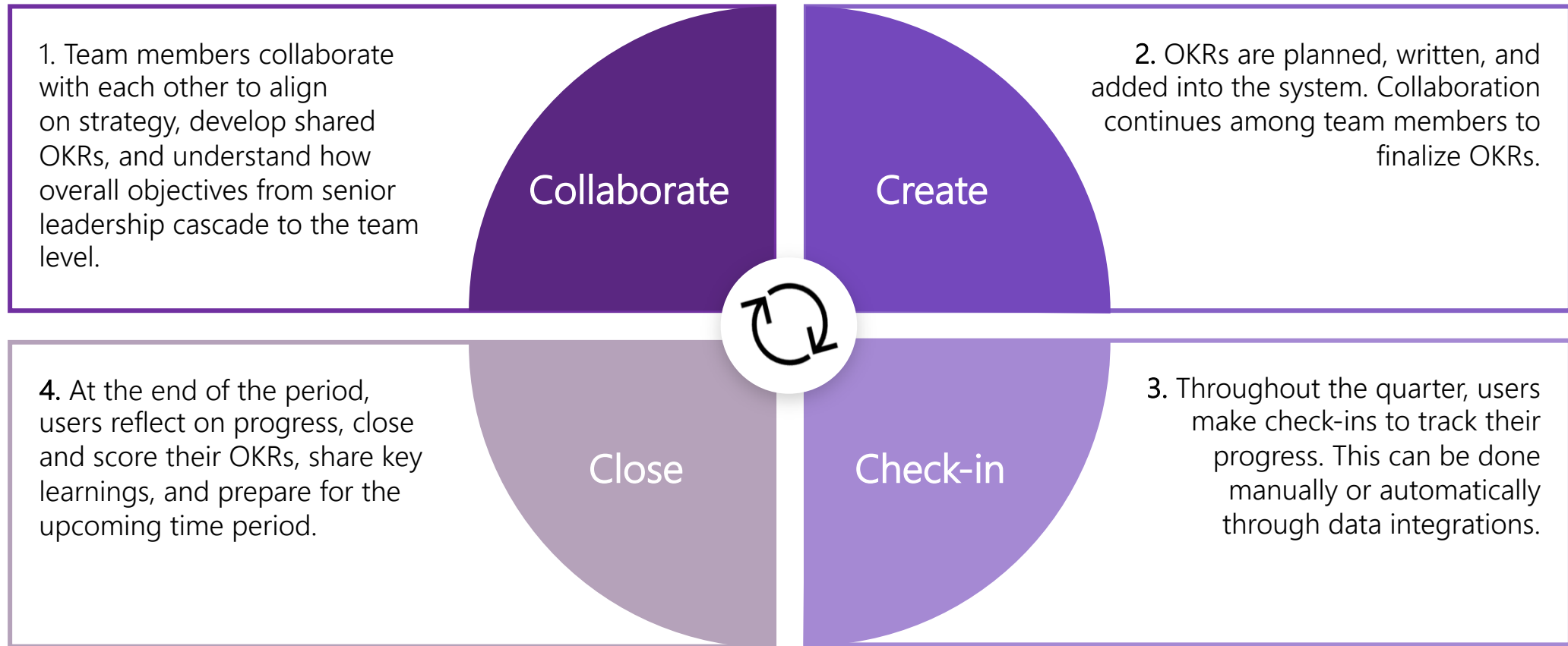
*Planning lead(s)*

*Planning ROB*

OKR Program Expectations			
	Leadership Team ("L1s")	L2s	L3
<b>OKR Expectation</b>	Required	Recommended	Recommended
<b>OKR Champ / Program Lead</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>Tool</b>	Viva Goals		
<b>Rhythm of OKR Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OKRs set _____, revisited _____, and reviewed _____</li><li>• OKRs checked in biweekly</li></ul>		



# Getting Value: The Four Cs to Ensure Success



# Business Rituals to Drive Value

OKR Value Driver	OKR Superpowers	Business Rituals
<b>Strategic and Priority Alignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engages key stakeholders early; establishes ownership</li> <li>Identifies macro dependencies (vertical and horizontal)</li> <li>Surfaces early constraints (budget, bandwidth, priorities)</li> <li>Reports up to sr. leadership on overall progression at the org level</li> </ul> <p><i>Key milestone: Provides transparency and reports up to leadership on opportunity and risk.</i></p>	<p>Annual Strategic Planning            Program Incremental Planning            Quarterly reviews with Sr. Leadership</p>
<b>Organizational Visibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using OKRs to 'report out' to your broader organization about successes, learnings, and next steps</li> </ul> <p><i>Key milestone : What did we accomplish as an organization, what can we celebrate together, what were the key lessons learned, what are we doing next?</i></p>	<p>Monthly All Hands            Monthly newsletter</p>
<b>Team Ownership and Accountability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drives ownership and accountability in the flow of work</li> <li>Surfaces key areas of collaboration across departments and/or teams</li> <li>Surfaces key opportunities for course correction at the project/program level</li> <li>Leverages OKRs to 'report up/across' to key contributors on overall progress at the team level</li> </ul> <p><i>Key milestone: What did we accomplish as team, what challenges exist that might keep us from achieving our short-term and long-term goals (ie KR provide rigor, focus and help teams zoom in)</i></p>	<p>Weekly Team Meetings            Cross-functional Project Meetings            Scrum Meetings</p>
<b>Division/Department Execution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drives progress against commits during planning process</li> <li>Maintains clarity against shared objectives / dependencies / priorities</li> <li>Provides continuous and real-time adjustments on progress</li> </ul> <p><i>Key milestone: Where are the areas for improvement, collaboration and mitigating risk.</i></p>	<p>Quarterly Business Reviews (QBRs)            Quarterly Planning            Monthly Department Meetings</p>

# Breakout Rooms

# Breakout Room Conversation Starters

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In which value driver area does your organization have room to improve your approach?

- *Strategic & priority alignment*
- *Division/Department progress*
- *Team ownership & accountability*
- *Organizational visibility (on priorities)*

2

What business rituals does your organization use today that could be evolved to leverage OKRs?

# Product Feature Deep Dive: Viva Goals Azure DevOps Integration

# Customer Problem Statements

- **OKR mental shift in-progress** – people are learning to differentiate “Outcomes” (OKRs) vs “Outputs” (Deliverables)
  - **Teams’ work should drive impact/value** – by aligning work to OKRs, teams ensure their work is supporting Organization goals leading to increased value and team satisfaction
  - **Disconnect between Organization strategy and work** - ROB discussions should address OKR and supporting work status (e.g., is our work driving the impact we want)
- **Lack of clarity & integration** across Azure DevOps and Viva Goals tooling
  - **ADO users “live” in ADO** - “tool fatigue”; another tool adds friction
  - **OKR tracking within ADO** - historical precedent at C0 for tracking OKRs using custom ADO work item types:
    - One tool for work and ADO tracking - Users do not have to leave ADO for tracking/managing OKRs
    - OKR work items used to roll-up ADO KR supporting work

# ADO <> Viva Goals Integration Design Principles

- **Focus tools on their strengths:**
  - Viva Goals excels at OKR Management / tracking
  - ADO excels at work management
- **Keeps the ADO users in ADO** by bringing Viva Goals OKR processes into ADO UX and workflows (“single pane of glass”)
- **Data Segregation:**
  - OKR Data in Viva Goals
  - Work Data in ADO data

# Viva Goals ADO Integration Demo



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# Thank you!

Please make sure to take our exit poll so we can better serve you next time!

Have questions? Reach out to [GoalsOfficeHours@Microsoft.com](mailto:GoalsOfficeHours@Microsoft.com)