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## HOMEPAGE QUICK GUIDE

# Workforce Ready

A practical readiness guide for building a trained, accountable, customer-focused team.

### Use this guide to:

- Identify strengths and gaps quickly
- Create a practical next-step action plan
- Know when training, systems, or follow-up need attention

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13*



# What does "workforce ready" look like?

A workforce-ready organization does more than hire people. It gives employees clear expectations, the training to perform, the tools to serve customers well, and leaders who reinforce standards consistently.

## 1. Role Clarity

Employees understand what success looks like, how their role connects to the customer, and what they own every day.

## 2. Onboarding & Training

New hires are introduced to standards, systems, service expectations, and job-specific skills before they are expected to perform independently.

## 3. Communication Standards

Teams know how to communicate with customers and each other - including tone, handoffs, escalation, and follow-up.

## 4. Leadership & Accountability

Supervisors coach performance, document expectations, and address gaps before they become turnover or customer problems.

## 5. Process & Compliance

Workflows are written, teachable, repeatable, and aligned with the requirements that apply to the organization.

## 6. Retention & Development

The organization builds skills, recognizes performance, and creates a path for people to grow instead of constantly replacing them.

### TSSi helps turn expectations into repeatable performance.

Workforce training, professional development, onboarding support, customer service standards, organizational assessments, and practical implementation support.



# 15-Point Workforce Readiness Check

Check each statement that is consistently true today. Use the unchecked items as your immediate improvement list.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Every role has clear responsibilities and measurable expectations.       | <input type="checkbox"/> New hires follow a documented onboarding process.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employees receive job-specific training before working independently.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Customer service expectations are written and coached.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Managers hold regular performance and development conversations.         | <input type="checkbox"/> Employees know when and how to escalate customer issues.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processes are documented well enough for someone else to follow.         | <input type="checkbox"/> Training is refreshed when systems, policies, or customer needs change.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leaders can identify skill gaps before they become performance failures. | <input type="checkbox"/> The team has a consistent follow-up standard.                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employees understand how their work affects revenue and retention.       | <input type="checkbox"/> The organization tracks training completion and key performance measures. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisors coach behavior - not just outcomes.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Employees have a clear path for feedback, support, and growth.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Customers receive a consistent experience regardless of who serves them. |                                                                                                    |

| 0-5 checked                                                                            | 6-10 checked                                                                           | 11-15 checked                                                                                                     |
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| Foundation work is needed. Start with role clarity, onboarding, and service standards. | You have a foundation. Prioritize consistency, coaching, documentation, and follow-up. | Your core structure is stronger. Focus on measurement, development, and scaling standards without losing quality. |

## Your next move

Choose the three unchecked items that create the greatest risk to customer experience, productivity, or retention. Assign an owner, a deadline, and one measurable result for each item.

### Ready to turn the gaps into a training plan?

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