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# Transition Points

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## Mandatory Processes for Dramatic Improvement

### Sales - CS Customer Handoff

#### Problem

Why did the Customer buy the product / what problem are they trying to solve?

Talking Point

#### Success metrics

What does success mean for the customer?

Talking Point

#### Key Contacts

Who is the Buyer of the product? Who are the Influencers, Champions, and Detractors within the account?

Talking Point

#### Roadblocks

What are potential roadblocks one may face in making the customer successful?

Talking Point

#### Questions

Armed with context about the customer, the CSM can ask further questions and understand more about the Account and Buyer from the AE.

Talking Point




#### Next step: Expectation setting meeting

- The AE should set up a time with the customer to introduce the CSM and help set the right expectations with the customer and kickstart the On-boarding.

**Assessment:** Not consistently capturing customer goals and tracking success



**Recommendation:** Introduce success driving activities across the journey

SALES HANDOFF	KICKOFF DECK	ACCOUNT PLAN	SUCCESS PLAN	BUSINESS REVIEW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Internal Document</li><li>- Company overview</li><li>- Contract Overview</li><li>- Key Stakeholders</li><li>- Internal Relationship map</li><li>- Goals and Outcomes</li><li>- Customer Assessment</li><li>- Technical Configuration</li><li>- Implementation Details</li><li>- Assets</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- External Document</li><li>- Team introductions, roles and resources including Support vs. Success</li><li>- Align on goals</li><li>- Present the customer journey</li><li>- Implementation Phase Overview</li><li>- Success planning, business reviews introduction</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Internal Document</li><li>- Top tier customers - review cadence</li><li>- Leverage Sales Handoff document as basis</li><li>- Account status</li><li>- SWOT analysis</li><li>- Strategic plan</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- External Document</li><li>- Shared responsibility w/ customer</li><li>- Top tier customers - review cadence</li><li>- Leverage Sales Handoff document as basis</li><li>- Align on goals</li><li>- Define steps to achieve goals</li><li>- Track ongoing achievement of success</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- External Document</li><li>- Top tier customers</li><li>- Team Updates</li><li>- Customer Update</li><li>- Goals &amp; Achievement</li><li>- Metrics, Product Adoption, benchmarks</li><li>- Recommendations</li><li>- Sentiment - would you renew today?</li></ul>
 <p>optimize existing</p>	 <p>optimize existing</p>	 <p>pre-post launch</p>		

# Implementation to CS Handoff



1- **Automate.** CSM is getting status from impl tool (blocked at stages, getting ready for live, getting ready for transitions and handoff to CSM and support).

2- **Meet.** As a customer is going live, the teams that will be supporting the customer moving forward. This is the transition point where the CSM will introduce the customer to their support team and ensure a smooth handoff.

3- **Burn in.** Depending on the complexity of your software, you may need to be available during a 2 week “burn in” period. This is where the customer will be using the software actively and may have questions or issues that need to be addressed.

4- **Documentation.** It's crucial to have clear and concise documentation for both internal use and for customers. This includes step-by-step guides on how to use the software, troubleshooting tips, and best practices. Internally, you are listing configuration details, and decisions that were made.

5- **Value-** Making sure the customer understands the value from the software. Outcomes not features.



- How can you get leadership to understand the importance of collaboration and information sharing across teams? I cannot get my manager to understand he unnecessarily creates bureaucracy and siloes where there should be none. We all need to partner.
- Focus on how to do this at scale for both mid-market and enterprise customers
- How to handle clients who will not respond to reachouts
- I am interested in seeing and hearing about best practices for the Sales to CS handoff of new customers.



**THANK YOU**

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# APPENDIX

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