

Andrew Reise

# Customer Technical Support Strategic Implementation

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into opportunity*

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RESULTS ACHIEVED

02 Years Duration

12 Initiatives

93 IRR

14 Months Payback Period



**Executive Summary**

Andrew Reise Consulting assisted a large U.S. wireless telecommunications provider to reshape a critical area of their customer experience. The program focused on the organization's need to provide technical support in a manner which scaled to the exponentially increasing customer demand.

The scope of the program included strategic modifications to the support model, development of a new associate education program, overhaul of employee selection tools, and rollout of new customer support tools. During implementation, the program team supported other initiatives within the organization to develop other customer-facing support tools, which included over-the-air and online solutions.

These efforts resulted in an operational cost reduction within the Customer Care organization of 5.8%.

**Business Challenge**

Even though customers purchase their devices and receive support from wireless carriers, the customer is often interacting with many different companies to provide them with the holistic experience. Equipment manufacturers provide the devices, software providers allow for the programs and applications, and a host of other vendors enable wireless connectivity.

These multiple interactions have created an environment where product innovation is rampant and the complexity of customer devices is increasing exponentially. The industry now faces soaring customer demand with wireless carriers taking on insurmountable costs. Customer revenue is a shared marketplace. Despite all of this, the carrier still owns the customer relationship, and therefore the costs. Some companies are being forced to help customers in ways which are outside of the traditional support model.

**TRUE PARTNERSHIP**  
Anticipating the Problem

Unfortunately executives typically hear about issues after they have occurred. Our goal is to see the problems before they occur so adjustments can be made. Our client was able to avoid a 'tsunami' of operational costs by implementing our recommendations before those problems became an issue for the company or the customer.

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### HOW ANDREW REISE HELPED

Andrew Reise helped this company identify the problem, develop a strategic plan, and implement the recommendations.

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#### Identify the Problem

Andrew Reise consultants were the first to notify executives about the emerging issue well in advance so the company had time to make operational adjustments. Due to customer demand, the company required more sophisticated devices to handle the associated time and call volume.

#### Development of the Strategic Plan

In conjunction with the client, Andrew Reise used our Strategy Development Framework to facilitate the strategy creation with a cross-functional team, who developed key recommendations and activities within the company. Stakeholders from across the company were involved and understood the strategic plan. Key activities included:

- Validated Brand Promise
- Collected Customer Feedback / Perspective
- Mapped the Customer Lifecycle
- Documented the Current Processes
- Conducted Capability Maturity Assessment
- Identified Initiatives & Strategic Themes
- Developed Businesses Cases
- Created a Strategic Roadmap

#### Program Implementation

One of the hallmarks of Andrew Reise consultants is our implementation services. We worked along side the client to deliver the strategic recommendations. With the support of client sponsorship and resources, we operated in the following roles:

- Program Management: In addition to the typical roles performed by a program management organization (i.e., plan management, issue/risk tracking, etc.), the team played an integral role of constructing communications for executives as well as front line employees who interact with the customer.
- Benefits Realization: The Andrew Reise team developed the key measurements of success for the program and worked to ensure the data was collected during and after implementation.

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### *We speak* **Customer.**

**It's a language we know very well. We're Andrew Reise, a recognized global thought leader who specializes in improving both sides of the company/customer relationship.**

Our unique approach consists of our own methodology and a group of distinctly selected consultants – who are all veterans in customer experience. Our process is proven and our people boast a 'do it all' no-nonsense approach and are empowered to do the right thing even if that means going above and beyond the original scope of work.

The Andrew Reise mission: Bettering the lives of our clients, colleagues, and communities.



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