

Client Account Planning and Development

A Brief Overview

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The client relationship manager or account executive must lead the client account planning and development process. He or she and the team members should take time--a half a day or day--at least twice a year and perhaps even quarterly to assess progress, reflect, and strategize about how to strengthen and grow the client relationship. Ideally, a senior professional who is not part of the day-to-day relationship should participate in these discussions to provide objectivity and a fresh perspective. A series of basic questions can guide this process:

