



Leads from referrals have a 30% higher conversion rate and 37% higher retention rate than the leads generated from other marketing channels.<sup>1</sup>



**92%** of consumers trust the referrals or recommendations of people they know personally.<sup>2</sup>



**85%** of clients say advisor communications positively impact retention and referrals.<sup>3</sup>

Simplicity assists
throughout the process,
helping you identify the
type of events that will
be most effective for
your targeted clients
while also providing
customized marketing
materials and email
invitations to execute.

## Referral Implementation Guide

## **Host Events to Engage Prospects and Cater to their Varied Interests**

Invite clients and their friends and families to a variety of different events. Focus events on different groups of people, including those with and without kids, while appealing to different interests.



Sporting event



Golf outing



Family picnic



Wine tasting



Movie night



Art gallery

## **Tactical Event Planning Guidelines**

- Plan events 4-6 months out
- Limit the guest count
- Establish an RSVP and referral tracking system
- Avoid hosting back-to-back events
- Rotate event types and themes
- Don't forget to account for transportation (as needed)

## **Coaching Clients to Make Referrals**

- Educate your clients on how to talk about your business with family and friends.
- Utilize various media channels to market upcoming events and webinars.
- Remind clients about the opportunity to invite like-minded friends/family to referral events.
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