

# Why Most Local SEO Efforts Fail — And the Framework Helping Business Owners Fix It

*A new educational framework explains why local SEO underperforms and helps service business owners understand what must happen before tactics work.*

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*Tammy Harris, Founder, Get Found Method*

owners are spending thousands of dollars on SEO services, content, and tools—yet many still struggle to generate consistent leads from Google. According to industry data, the problem often isn’t a lack of effort or budget—it’s a misunderstanding of how local search actually works.

A new educational framework, the [Get Found Method™ Local SEO Playbook](#), aims to address the root cause of failed SEO efforts: businesses are executing tactics without understanding the sequencing, intent, or how customers

actually find local services online.

“Most local SEO fails because it’s done out of order,” says Tammy Harris, founder of Get Found Method. “Business owners are told to chase keywords, buy backlinks, or post blogs before understanding how Google Maps, organic search, and buyer intent actually work together. When that foundation is missing, even ‘good’ SEO tactics underperform.”

## Where Local SEO Goes Wrong

The Get Found Method highlights three common breakdowns affecting local service businesses:

### 1. Money spent without clarity

Many small businesses invest in SEO packages without understanding what success should look like—or how to evaluate whether the work aligns with their actual services and service areas.

### 2. Confusion between Google Maps and organic results

Business owners often assume ranking higher automatically means more calls. In reality, Google Maps visibility, organic listings, and branded searches serve different roles in the buyer journey—and confusing them leads to misplaced effort.

### 3. DIY without a decision framework

Some owners attempt to manage SEO in-house but struggle to prioritize what matters most. Without a clear order of operations, it's easy to waste time optimizing the wrong pages or chasing keywords that don't convert.

#### A Clarity-First Alternative

Rather than offering tactics or tool walkthroughs, the Get Found Method Playbook focuses on helping business owners understand:

How customers actually search for local services

Why order of operations matter more than the volume of work

What must be in place before SEO tactics can compound

How to make informed decisions—whether DIY or hiring help

“The goal isn't to replace agencies or promise fast results,” Harris explains. “It's to give business owners clarity—so they stop guessing, stop overspending, and start making decisions that actually support long-term visibility.”

#### Who It's For

The framework is designed for:

Local service professionals (plumbers, contractors, cleaners, photographers, therapists)

Business owners who want to understand SEO before hiring help

DIY owners who want clarity without overwhelm

Companies frustrated by past SEO efforts that 'did everything' but delivered little

#### About Get Found Method

Get Found Method is an educational platform for service businesses that are tired of spending money on SEO without seeing results. We help business owners understand how local visibility works—what actually drives leads, why SEO often fails, and what needs to happen first—so they can stop guessing and start building consistent lead flow. Through practical frameworks, playbooks, and case studies, Get Found Method gives owners the clarity they need to take control of their online presence.

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