The Importance of Resilience and Well-Being in the Workplace

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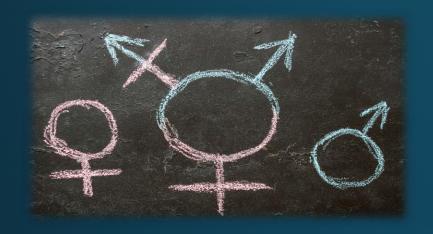
What we say and how we say it inspires the hope and belief that recovery is possible for everyone.

Affirming, respectful, and culturally-informed language promotes evidence-based care.

PEOPLE FIRST

Language Matters

in treatment, in conversation, in connection.







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Starting Off with a Few Key Definitions

- ▶ Positive work and learning environments are safe and healthy, support the well-being of health workers and learners, and foster ethical and meaningful training and practice (NASEM, 2019).
- ▶ **Professional well-being** is a "function of being satisfied with one's job, finding meaning in work, feeling engaged at work, having a high-quality working life, and finding professional fulfillment in work" (Danna and Griffin, 1999; Doble and Santha, 2008).
- ► Resilience is the ability of an individual, organization, "community, or system to withstand, adapt, recover, rebound, or grow from adversity, stress, or trauma" (NASEM, 2019).





What is Resilience? - All the "Rs"

- ► Ability to handle setbacks and deal with chronic stress
- ► It's all about recharging, not enduring
 - ► Recovering, refueling, and resting
- Chronic stress can lead to extreme exhaustion and burnout
- Professionals can influence and impact their team's and organization's resilience through words and actions
 - ► In order to do so, you must build and maintain your self-resilience first!
 - ► This requires a mindset shift





"3 by 2 Morning Prioritization" - A Practical Exercise

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- ► Flexibility is key! Find small blocks of time (time confetti)
- Instead of jumping straight into checking email or returning phone calls, you:
 - ▶ 2 minutes: Sit and let the mind settle into focus, calm, and clarity
 - ▶ 2 minutes: Consider most important priorities for the day
 - ▶ 2 minutes: Plot priority activities into calendar



Work-Life Balance < Achieve Alignment



- Establish boundaries between professional and personal life
 - ➤ Sometimes you have busy stretches with extreme imbalances
- ▶ Be flexible and work intentionally to reestablish boundaries when busy stretches are over
 - ► Example: You may need to work during evenings and on weekends during busy seasons with tight deadlines, though that should be the exception, not the rule



Our workplaces play a significant role in our lives

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Vivek H. Murthy, MD, MBA

Current Priorities of the U.S. Surgeon General



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Work affects both our physical and mental well-being - in good ways and bad

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"The COVID-19 pandemic brought the relationship between work and well-being into clear focus

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Our Nation's Current Workplace Landscape

76%

84%

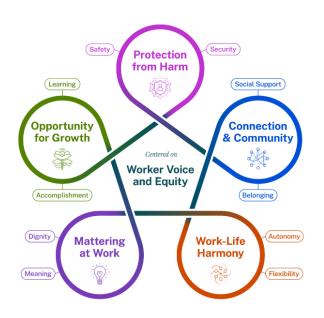
81%

of U.S. workers reported at least one symptom of a mental health condition¹

of respondents said their workplace conditions had contributed to at least one mental health challenge¹ of workers reported that they will be looking for workplaces that support mental health in the future³



The Surgeon General's Framework for Workplace Mental Health and Well-Being



- Centered on the worker's voice and equity
- Five Essentials support workplaces as engines of well-being
- Each Essential is grounded in two human needs
- Creating a plan to enact these practices can strengthen the essentials of workplace well-being



The Five Essentials for Workplace Mental Health and Well-Being

Protection from Harm

- Prioritize workplace physical and psychological safety
- Enable adequate rest
- · Normalize and support mental health
- Operationalize DEIA* norms, policies, and programs

Connection & Community

- Create cultures of inclusion and belonging
- Cultivate trusted relationships
- Foster collaboration and teamwork

Work-Life Harmony

- Provide more autonomy over how work is done
- · Make schedules as flexible and predictable as possible
- Increase access to paid leave
- · Respect boundaries between work and non-work time

Mattering at Work

- Provide a living wage
- Engage workers in workplace decisions
- Build a culture of gratitude and recognition
- · Connect individual work with organizational mission

Opportunity for Growth

- Offer quality training, education, and mentoring
- · Foster clear, equitable pathways for career advancement
- Ensure relevant, reciprocal feedback



Let's do a deep dive into each of the five key essentials



Essential #1: Protection from Harm



- Rests on two human needs safety and security
- Workplace safety means all workers are in a safe and healthful work environment, protected from physical harm, injury, illness, and death
- People cannot perform well at work if they feel physically or psychologically unsafe
- Organizations can further normalize and support mental health while decreasing stigma at work by validating challenges, communicating mental health and well-being as priorities, and offering both support and prevention services
- Prioritizing DEIA norms means operationalizing relevant policies and programs in ways that ensure safety, including confronting structural racism, microaggressions, ableism, and implicit bias



Essential #2: Connection & Community



- ▶ Rests on two human needs *social support* and *belonging*
- ▶ Belonging is the feeling of being an accepted member of a group, or of connectedness given one's interpersonal relationships
- Organizational cultures that promote belonging can foster a powerful protective force against bias, discrimination, and exclusion in the workplace
- ► Clear and consistent communication between staff and leaders is foundational in building trust.
- ► The future of work includes both remote and hybrid work, resulting in a need to be intentional about how to build teams, communicate, and collaborate



Essential #3: Work-Life Harmony



- Rests on two human needs autonomy and flexibility
- Organizations that increase worker autonomy and provide greater flexibility have workers who are more likely to succeed and retain staff longer
- ▶ It is important to make schedules as flexible and predictable as possible
- ▶ When leaders and supervisors set, respect, and model clear boundaries between work and home life, workers report a greater sense of well-being



Essential #4: Mattering at Work



- ► Rests on two human needs *dignity* and *meaning*
- ► Studies have shown that having meaning and purpose reduces the risk for health complications such as heart attacks and stroke, and when connected to work, can lead to improved productivity and innovation
- ▶ When people feel appreciated, recognized, and engaged their sense of value and meaning increases, as does their capacity to manage stress
- ➤ Shared purpose helps to generate pride and fuel motivation, all while reducing stress organizations can help workers to see the connection between their day-to-day work and the purpose and mission of the organization



Essential #5: Opportunity for Growth



- ▶ Rests on two human needs *learning* and *accomplishment*
- ▶ When organizations create more opportunities for learning, accomplishment, and growth, workers become more optimistic about their abilities and enthusiastic about contributing to the organization
- ► Employers can informally promote grown opportunities by showing genuine interest in workers through personal encouragement, coaching, and mentorship
- ► Transparent career pathways and advancement opportunities helps to foster inclusion and diversity in the workplace
- ▶ Feedback should be positive, collaborative, and outcome-oriented



Conclusion and Next Steps

- ► The Framework emphasizes the connection between the well-being of workers and the health of organizations
- ▶ It offers a foundation and host of resources that can be used by workplaces of various sizes, across many industries
- ▶ The most important asset in any organization is its PEOPLE!
- ▶ By choosing to center their voices, we can ensure that everyone has a platform to thrive



Workplace Well-Being Resources

- ► Reflection Questions
- ► Practice Examples
- ► Toolkits, Tips, Assessments, Directories, Research, Campaigns, etc.
- ► Visit: https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/priorities/workplace-well-being/resources/index.html
- ► Full Framework available at: https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/workplace-mental-health-well-being.pdf



National Plan for Health Workforce Well-Being

Resources for Health Care Worker Well-Being: 6 Essential Elements Advance Organizational Commitment Cultivate a Strengthen Culture of Leadership Connection **Behaviors** & Support **Enhance** Conduct Workplace Workplace Efficiency Assessment Examine Policies & ational Academy of Medicine **Practices** nam.edu/CW | #ClinicianWellBeing

- ► The vision is that patients are cared for by a health workforce that is thriving in an environment that fosters wellbeing
- Six essential elements based on Organizational Evidence-Based and Promising Best Practices for Clinician Well-Being



Compendium of Resources - Strategies and Tools to Take Action to Improve Clinician Well-Being

- ► Access a wealth of resources at: https://nam.edu/compendium-of-key-resources-for-improving-clinician-well-being/
- ► Full National Plan for Health Workforce Well-Being available at: https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/26744/national-planfor-health-workforce-well-being



SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) Provider Well-Being Initiative

- ► The MHTTC Provider Well-Being Initiative was established to support provider well-being and work with agencies to implement organizational-level interventions that optimize provider satisfaction and health.
- Additional resources are available at: https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/mhttc-network-coordinating-office/provider-well-being



Resource Spotlight - Practicing Resiliency and Flexibility at Home

▶ Time Management

- ► Even a 5-minute walk is better than no walk at all
- Start small incremental change is more likely to become permanent
- ► Ask for, and accept, help
 - Create a household/family schedule
 - ▶ Give yourself grace

- Make space for joy without guilt
 - Consider a hobby
 - Daily journaling
- Healthy eating
 - Meal preparation
 - Pre-order groceries
 - Stash healthy snacks



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