Context Clues: Using Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) to Enhance Treatment: Work Stress and Burnout

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Learning Objectives

This presentation provides an orientation to Employment as a Social Determinant of Health. You will:

- Learn how employment is related to physical and mental health
- Learn how to assess for unemployment and problems related to employment
- Learn how to make referrals to employment support



How employment can be stressful and lead to burnout

Work Stress/Burnout & Health

Stress

"A state of physiological or psychological response to internal or external stressors. it may be manifested by palpitations, sweating, dry mouth, shortness of breath, fidgeting, faster speech, augmentation of negative emotions, and longer duration of stress fatigue. [Severe stress causes] psychological and physiological disorder and disease".

Burnout

"physical, emotional and mental exhaustion, especially in one's job or career, accompanied by decreased motivation, lowered performance, and negative attitudes towards oneself and others. Most often observed in professionals who work closely with people ...

(APA, 2007)

Work Stress/Burnout & Health

1

Stress connects work and disability

Work stress cause psychological and physical harm. A state that is perceived to exceed personal resources and endangering wellbeing. 2

Results of psychological stress

Work stress in related to coronary heart disease, fatigue, anxiety, and depression.

3

Results of physical stress

Musculoskeletal "injuries" from strenuous physical activity that exceeds one's physical capability. Maintained by physical, ergonomic and psychological factors.

4

Return to work after psychological and physical Injury

Is associated with treatment and rehabilitation, socioeconomic factors, age, and other demographic variables. 5

Healthy work environment are normative

It helps regulate our behaviors in healthy ways.

Similarly, stressful work environments have negative effects on our health practices.

Person-Environment fit in career counseling

Fit between an individual and their job title

Stress is often caused by a poor match between an individual and the work they perform. We know how to test for how well a person match their job, and how to help bridge that gap through counseling and work adjustments.

Fit between an individual and characteristics of the specific work site

Despite a god fit between an individual and their job, stress can be caused by a poor fit between an individual and elements of a specific work environment. We know how to become resilient and cope better with stress, and to develop maturity to better handle stressful interpersonal conflicts.



How to assess for stress and burnout at work

"Work stress and burnout" Z-Codes

Z56.2 Z56.3	Threat of job loss Stressful work schedule	Z56.89	Other problems related to employment
Z56.4	Discord with boss and workmates	Z 56.9	Unspecified problems related to employment
Z56.5	Uncongenial work environment	Z60.4	Social exclusion and rejection
Z56.6	Other physical and mental strain related to work	Z73.2	Lack of relaxation and leisure
Z56.81	Sexual harassment on the job	Z73.3	Stress, not elsewhere classified
		Z73.5	Social role conflict, not elsewhere classified

Prapare Assessment: Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patient Assets, Risks, and Experiences

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	Private Insurance				

13. During the past year, what was the total combined

Supplemental questions to Prapare Assessment:

- How often do you experience stress at work?
- How does stress at work affect you daily life?
- Do you have physical or psychological concerns related to stress at work?
- What can you tell me about your work environment?
- How are your relationships with your boss and co-workers?
- Has your work performance changed recently?
- Are you at risk of losing your job?

What to do about employment in primary care

ASK

 Ask about stress at work. Dig into how patients are doing workwise. Are they secure in their job, do they experience conflicts with others at work, etc.

IDENTIFY

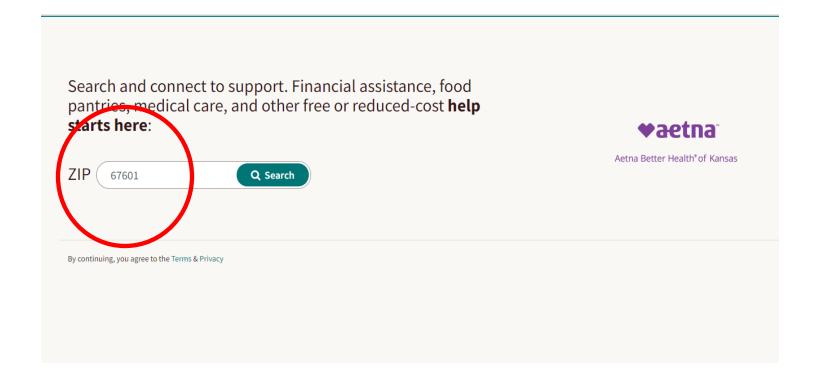
 Find local resources for employment needs, including, for persons with disabilities, local Vocational Rehabilitation Offices and therapists.

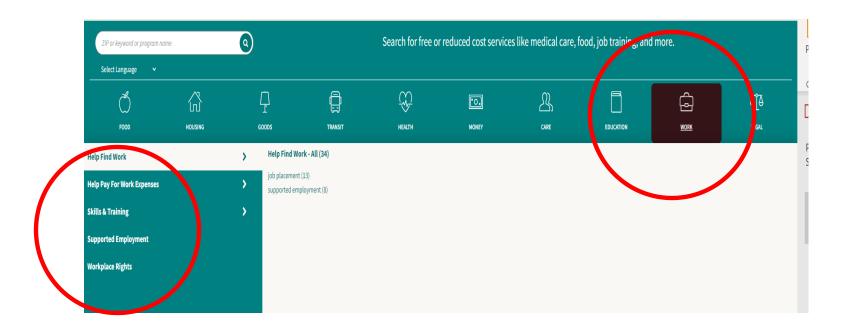
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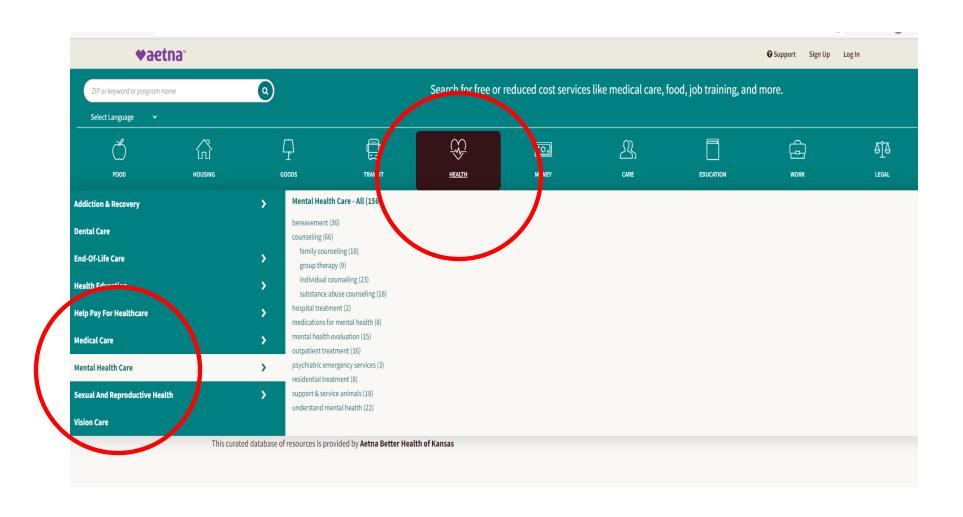
 Identify patients via Z-Codes and increase their motivation to seek help for employment stress. Make referrals.

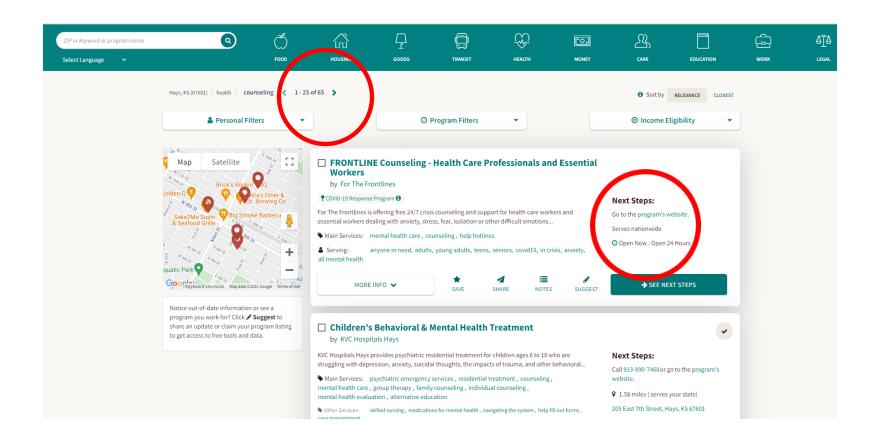
Referrals











Selected Resources

Persons with Disabilities

• Kansas Vocational Rehabilitation http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/RS/Pages/Employment-Services.aspx

Adult Job Seeker – "One Stop Centers"

• Kansas WorkforceONE https://ksworkforceone.org/job-seekers/adult-services/

Veterans – "Warriors to Work"

Wounded Warrior Project https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/warriors-to-work

Practice Application

"Our Case Study"



What can we learn from our case study?

Claudia



Mother Age: 38

Race: Latina

Employment: Waitress

Insurance: through employer

Patrick

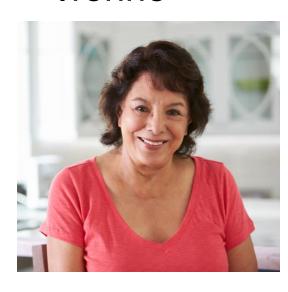


Father Age: 41

Race: White/Thai

Employment: Auto detailer Insurance: marketplace plan

Ivonne



Grandmother

Age: 63

Race: Latina

Employment: N/A Insurance: none

What can we learn from our case study?

Tyler



Eldest daughter

Age: 16

Race: biracial

Employment: student Insurance: Medicaid

Elliot



Son

Age: 13

Race: Latino

Employment: student Insurance: Medicaid

Edith



Youngest daughter

Age: 2

Race: biracial

Employment: N/A

Insurance: Medicaid





A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Stress and burnout are common, and reactive approaches are insufficient

AN ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY

We have a duty to help promote healthy workplaces and healthcare environments

IMPACTS PATIENT CARE

Healthcare professional stress impacts delivery of services and patient care

AFFECTS SYSTEMS & WORKPLACE CULTURE

Healthcare professionals are a critical factor in creating healthy systems and environments for patients

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

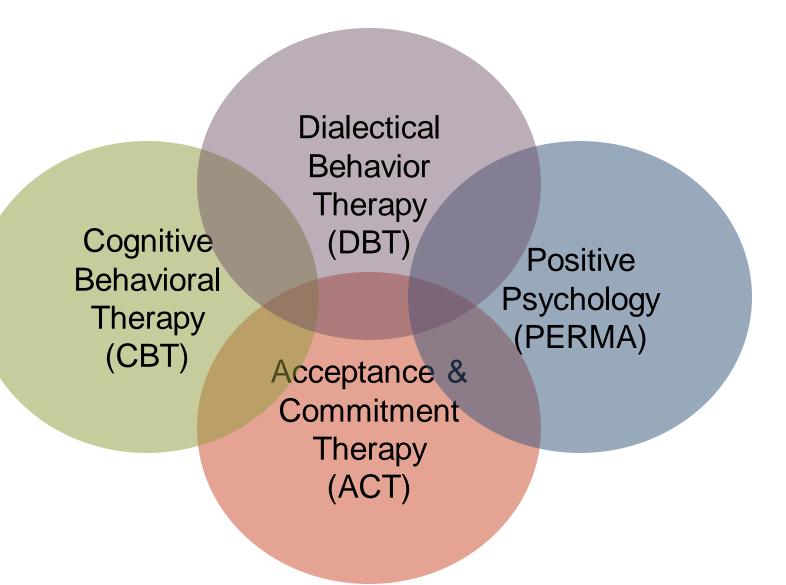
Healthcare professional burnout leads to costly absenteeism, attrition, and hiring concerns

A RESEARCH DRIVEN DECISION

Research suggests that programs to reduce stress and improve wellbeing are effective

An integrative approach

Integrative approaches involve distilling effective interventions into overlapping active ingredients and blending them in intentional ways to create additive, synergistic effects.



The ARC Modules

0: Introduction to the Adult Resilience Curriculum (ARC)

1: Understanding the psychobiology of stress and well-being (psychoeducation) 2: Creating safe and supportive environments (context)

3: Clarifying, aligning with, and committing to one's values (*values*)

4: Cultivating awareness through mindfulness-based practices (mindfulness)

5: Connecting meaningfully with others (connection)

6: Fostering pleasant emotions and experiences (positivity)

7: Coping with difficult thoughts, feelings, and experiences (coping)

8: Feeling good physically through nutrition, movement, & sleep (health)

9: Rejuvenating through relaxation, recreation, and routines (three R's)

10: Bringing it all together: A wellness plan for the future (wellness plan)

Questions?



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