

WORKPLACE MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM

Rating an Organization's Capacity to Support Workplace Mental Health

How would you rate your organization?

Dimension	HIGH RISK	VULNERABLE	CAPABLE	RESILIENT
1. Policy & Strategy <i>*Crisis includes traumatic incidents such as death, workplace injury, large scale change, or any emotionally overwhelming experience</i>	• No mental health policy or strategy in place	• No mental health policy or strategy in place	• Limited mental health policy with no/simple strategy in place	• Mental health policy and strategy are: - In line with best practice - Reflected in organizational capabilities, processes systems, and resources - Measured, evaluated and revised annually
	• No/harmful crisis* response	• No crisis response	• Limited crisis response	• Crisis-response strategy
	• Policies have a discriminatory effect	• Reactive rather than responsive to mental health issues or crisis		• Mental health is an explicit and integral part of overall HR strategy
2. Knowledge & Skills	• Below-basic mental health literacy; misconceptions and stigma are widespread	• Basic mental health literacy in some pockets of the organization; some misconceptions and stigma	• Basic to proficient mental health literacy in some pockets of the organization	• Majority of employees have basic or proficient mental health literacy
	• No initiatives to raise mental health literacy	• Some initiatives to raise mental health literacy	• Major initiative to raise mental health literacy	• Mental health literacy
	• No skills or training across the organization	• No individuals or very few have skills in identifying or responding to someone who is struggling	• Pockets in the organization have training in how to respond to someone who's struggling	• All line managers and HR personnel have basic mental health support skills
	• Training is not evidence-based	• Training is not evidence-based	• Training is evidence-based	• Training is evidence-based
	• No Mental Health First Aiders	• No Mental Health First Aiders	• Some Mental Health First Aiders	• Mental Health First Aiders across tiers of organization
3. Resources	• No financing or coverage for mental health care	• Very little or no financing or coverage for mental health care	• Some financing for mental health care (psychiatry covered but not psychology)	• Adequate to great financing for mental health care (psychiatry and psychology coverage)
	• No/inappropriate support resources available	• Little to no resources available	• Resources available but lack variety	• Variety of resources available (professional and non-professional)
			• Awareness and understanding of resources are inconsistent	• Awareness and understanding of resources are widespread (clearly sign-posted, included in orientation)
			• Resources are available but are not discrete or easy to access	• Resources are both protective and responsive • Resources are easy to access discretely
	• Confidentiality is not protected			• Confidentiality is guaranteed
	• Lack of cultural sensitivity	• Resources are outsourced to an international EAP that lacks awareness of local resources and laws	• Resources are somewhat culturally sensitive	• Resources are local and culturally sensitive
4. Culture	• Leadership is not engaged and fuels misinformation	• Leadership is not engaged	• Some leaders are engaged	• All leaders are engaged and advocate the importance of supporting mental health in the workplace
	• Culture of stigma and/or silence	• Very little conversation about mental health	• Some conversation around mental health but culture has not shifted	• Culture of support is widespread across tiers of organization
	• Vulnerability is seen as weakness	• Vulnerability is not shared at work	• Vulnerability at work is not common	• Vulnerability /asking for help is normalized
5. Mental health indicators/ Outcomes	• Individuals are actively disengaged and spreading toxicity	• Individuals are disengaged	• Individuals are engaged	• Individuals are engaged and thriving
	• High absenteeism	• Moderate to high absenteeism	• Low to moderate absenteeism	• Low absenteeism
	• High rates of staff turnover, conflict, burnout	• Moderate to high staff turnover, conflict, burnout	• Low to moderate staff turnover, conflict, burnout	• Low staff turnover, conflict, burnout
		• Resources are underutilized	• Resources are somewhat used and very little inquiry about them	• Resources are being utilized and people are comfortable inquiring about them