

# A Virtual Treatment Program for Behavioral Health, Substance Misuse, and Suicidal Ideation





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## **Program Overview**

Youturn Health is a virtual solution that bridges the gap between inaction and seeking treatment for employees struggling with behavorial health challenges, substance misuse, or suicidal ideation, providing the help they need before they reach a crisis point.

Youturn Health finds and engages populations suffering with behavioral health disorders, who are currently falling through the cracks

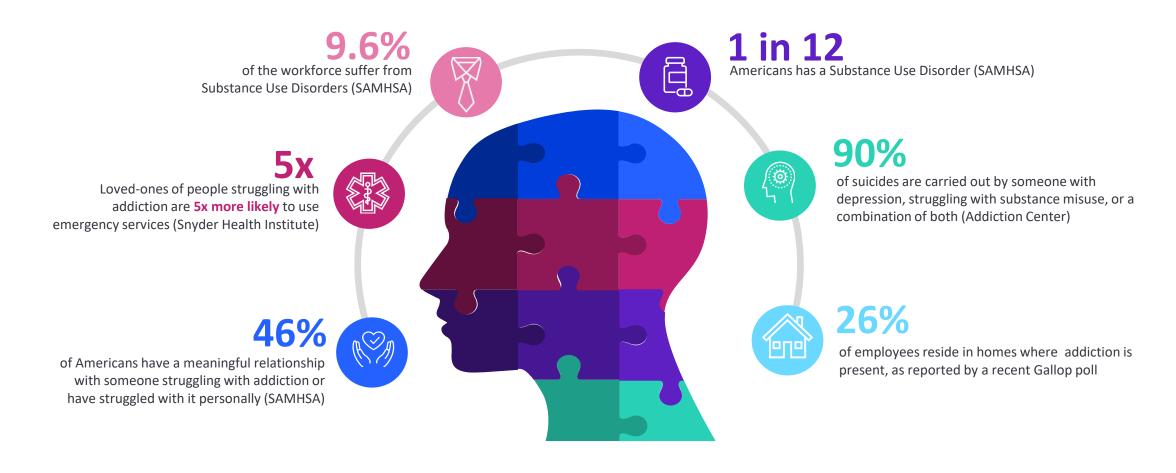
Youturn Health
complements an
employer group's existing
tools, supporting
employees and their
family members with the
right level of care

Youturn Health
understands the unique
challenges of behavioral
health and recovery
through lived experience
across their leadership
team and peer coaches



### The Problem

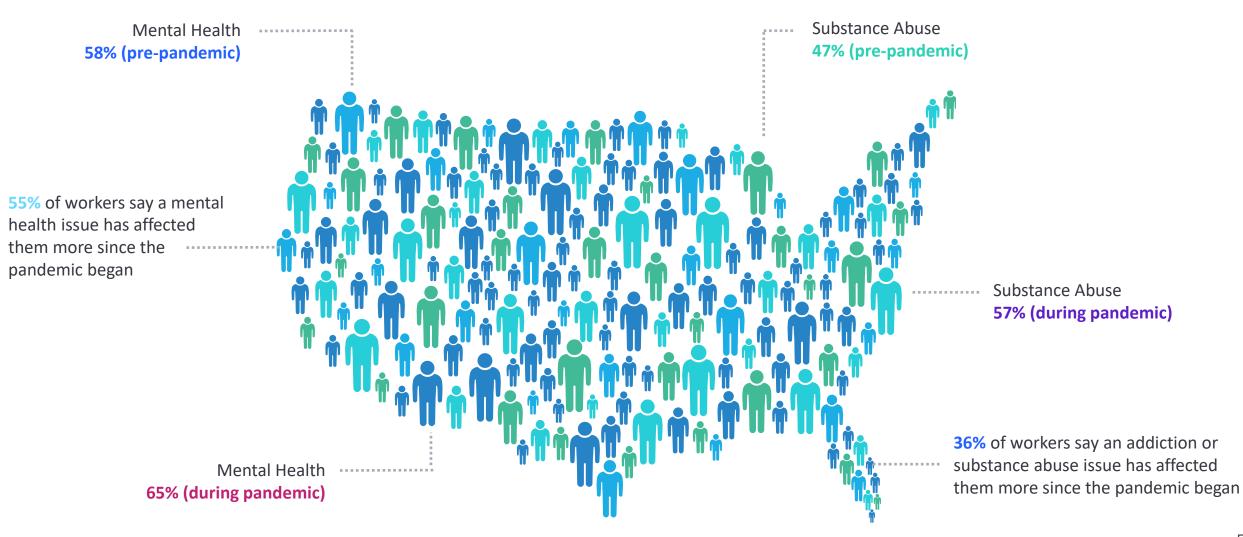
#### 80% of individuals who die by suicide have a Substance Use Disorder (SUD)





# The Impact — Exasperated by the Pandemic

# Percentage of employees who lost 10% hours of productivity per week due mental health and substance misuse

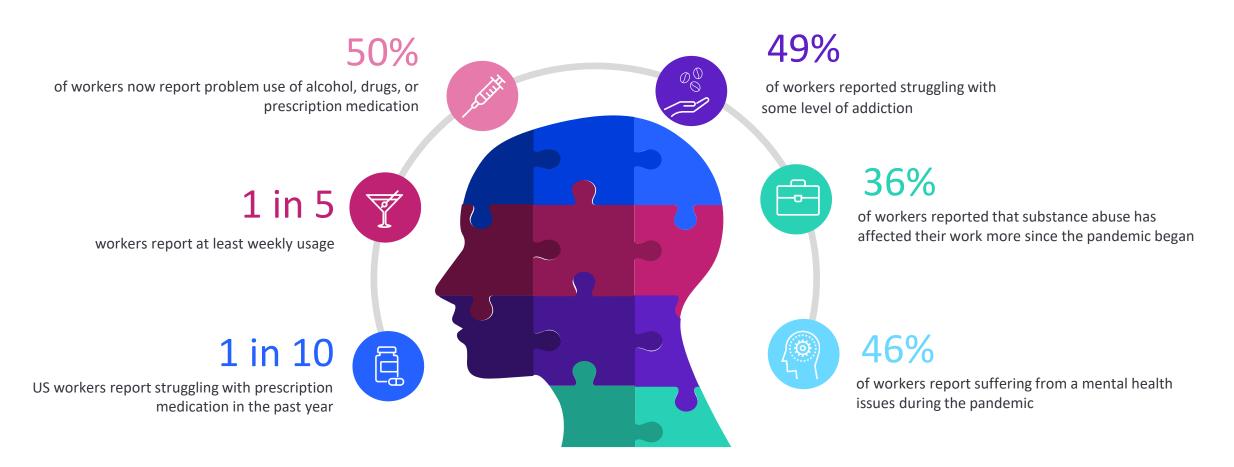




# **Employer Impact**

## Workers Struggling with Substance Abuse

#### 1425 US Workers







Only **10**% of individuals

suffering with a Substance

Use Disorder seek help.



- SAMHSA



# Fear of Seeking Treatment

#### Stigma

There is a real fear of being ostracized by family members and coworkers, passed over for promotions or disciplined on the job that keeps individuals from seeking traditional support.

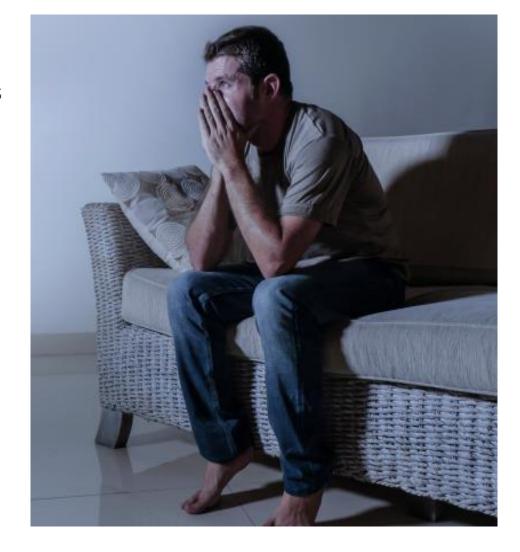
Individuals struggling with suicidal thoughts may have the perception that they will be perceived as weak and are hesitant to access care.

#### **Abstinence**

The thought of immediate removal of alcohol or a drug of choice can be intimidating. This fear stops them from ever taking an initial step towards seeking help or changing behaviors.

#### Scope

Behavioral health challenges, suicidal ideation, and substance misuse disorders impact millions of people - yet most of that suffering is unseen and unaddressed.





## Gaps in Treatment of Addiction

#### Only 10% of Individuals ever reach out for help

Youturn Health bridges gap between inaction and seeking treatment by making it accessible to users wherever they are in their journey.

#### Usually, the family is not supported

Our proven strategies including peer coaching, family involvement, referrals, and virtual accessibility. We enable family support and engagement through the recovery process.

#### **Engagement**

75% of people who remain engaged (no matter what the treatment is) reach recovery or remission.

Our supplementary peer- and long-term support tools keep people engaged post-treatment — decreasing the probability of catastrophic or fatal relapse.



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# **Program Components**

Providing a confidential and evidence-based resource that focuses on providing a safe and anonymous way for employees and their family members to engage on the topic of substance misuse and addition in a meaningful way.



#### **Learning and Assessment Platform**

Youturn Health is an online learning management system with an extensive video library of educational, inspirational, and insightful stories that help employees and their families understand the nature of stress, substance misuse, and suicide.

Youturn Health is designed to meet people where they are, delivered in simple, short videos in an easy-to-use, quick-to-consume format.



#### **Family Support**

Family members and loved ones are included in the care delivery model at **no additional cost**. This provides supportive care which will result in productive change for the entire family.

The Youturn Health family recovery program consists of dedicated coaches who have lived experience as a family member of a loved one who has struggled with — or lost their lives due to — substance misuse.



#### **Peer Coaching**

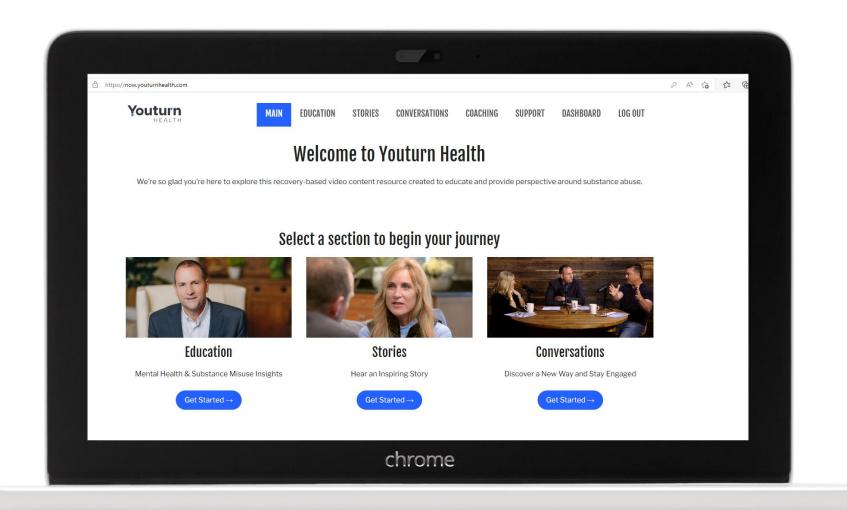
Our trained coaches understand what your employees and their families are going through and will help them take meaningful steps toward an improved quality of life.

They can also help participants access clinical care and/or community resources to provide additional support as needed.

Youturn Health peer coaches are all state-certified, NAADAC-credentialed, and specially-trained in Assertive Community Engagement (ACE) principles.



## Youturn Health







# **Risk Mitigation**

Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) impact EVERY company. It manifests as stress, anxiety, and depression.

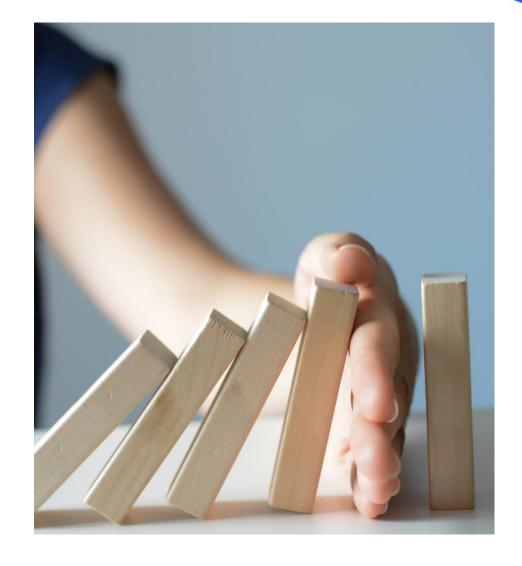
Organizations need employ risk mitigation strategies to reduce the chance of an incident.



Most sexual harassment, sexual assault, and workers' comp claims are tied to drugs and alcohol



Employment Practices Liability deductibles are triggered in settlements





# **Risk Mitigation**

Our proprietary informative curricula provide managers with tools needed to identify, confront, and de-escalate substance use in the workplace.

Employers can learn firsthand from former misusers about skills used to hide addiction in the workplace.

Employee certification skills assessments will be provided.

Employers will learn unique skills for saving employees prior to hitting rock bottom.

Education, Assessment, and Liability Protection





## Peer Support Network

#### **Certified Professionals**

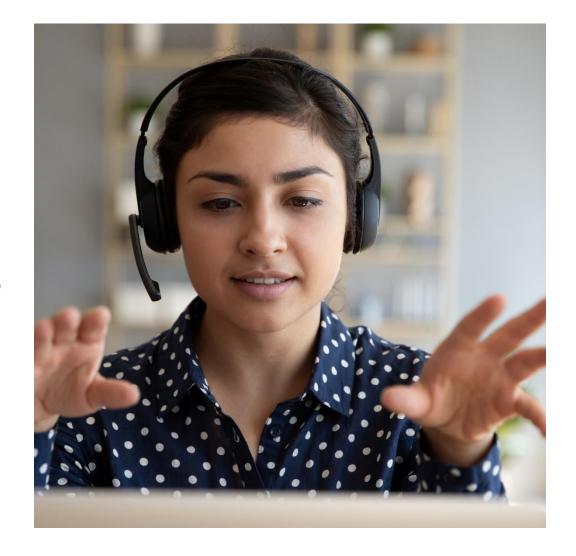
State-certified ACE coaches are NAADAC-trained and understand maintaining a high level of engagement will achieve recovery goals, while leveraging their own lived experience to deliver effective, compassionate support.

#### **Accomplish Recovery Goals**

Harm reduction and motivational interviewing are the foundation for all coaching activities. Integration of family and community programs into the recovery planning process is provided to clients and their families.

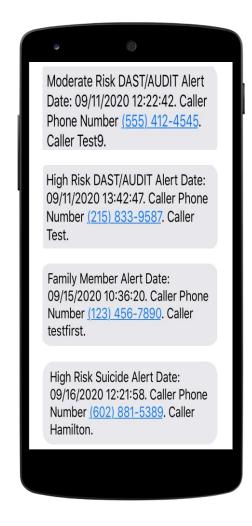
#### **Develop New Behaviors**

Proactive coach outreach helps maintain a positive outlook on the recovery journey by developing new behaviors and increasing social support which will sustain accountability.



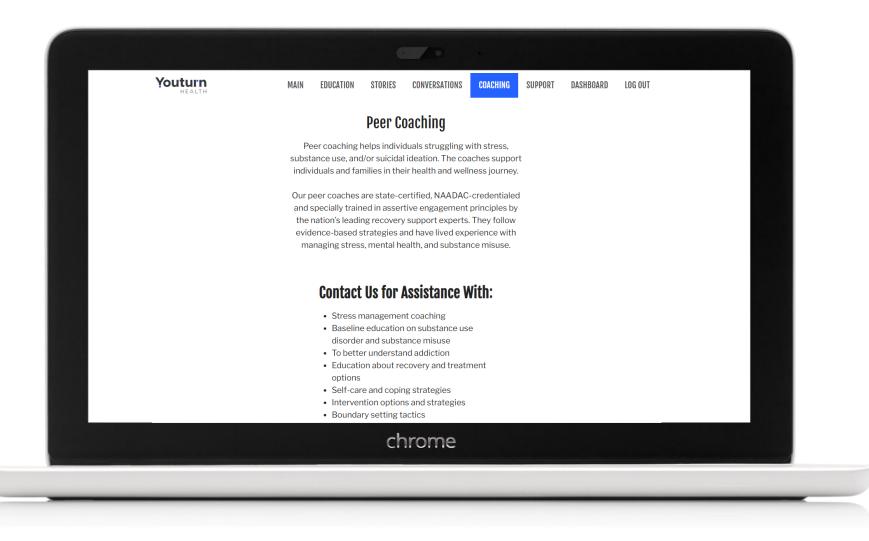


## **Assessment Alert**





# **Peer Coaching**





# Online Learning Assessment Platform

#### **Overview**

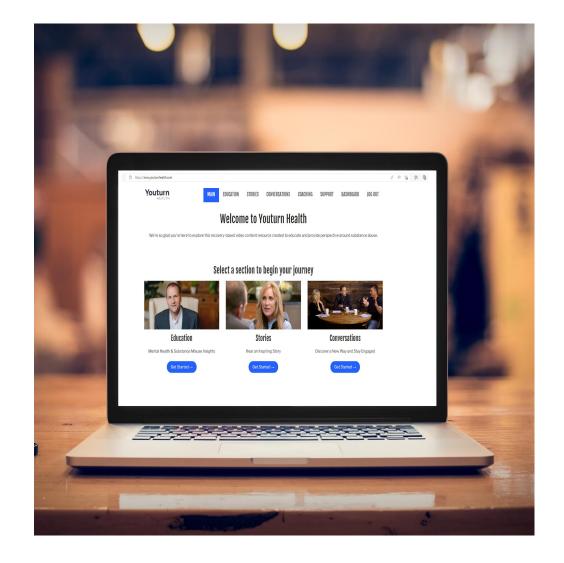
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#### **Purpose**

We find and engage populations suffering with behavioral health challenges, suicidal ideation, and substance misuse disorders, who are currently falling through the cracks.

#### Value

We work with your existing programs and amplify their impact through strategies including peer coaching, family involvement, referrals, and virtual accessibility.





## SBIRT Approach

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment Approach for early detection of substance use risk

#### Screening

Quickly assesses the severity of substance use and identifies the appropriate level of treatment through an online questionnaire. Platform clients also have the option of completing the screening with help from a certified health care professional via phone.

#### **Brief Intervention**

Focuses on increasing insight and awareness regarding substance use and motivation toward behavioral change.

#### **Referral to Treatment**

Provides clients with an action plan towards recovery that may include *Youturn* videos and access to a certified peer coach.



## Risk Level Engagement

#### ACE Coaches initiate all engagement with medium and high-risk platform clients.



#### **Low Risk**

A Low Risk analysis will receive targeted video series content and has the option to reach out to a Youturn Health Nurse if behavior changes



#### **Moderate Risk**

A Moderate Risk analysis will receive a brief intervention by a Youturn Health Nurse followed up with peer coaching and targeted video content



**High Risk** 

A High Risk analysis will immediately receive peer coaching and targeted video content



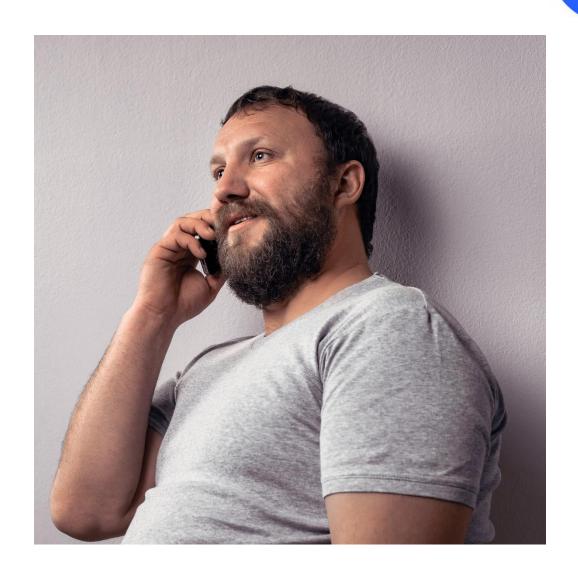
# **Assertive Community Engagement**

Meet the participant wherever they are in this journey

Refer for clinical support

Stick and Stay

Paradigm shift: The professional is responsible for the engagement of the participant





# Inpatient Link to Peer Recovery Coaching: Results from a Pilot Randomized Control Trial

#### Results

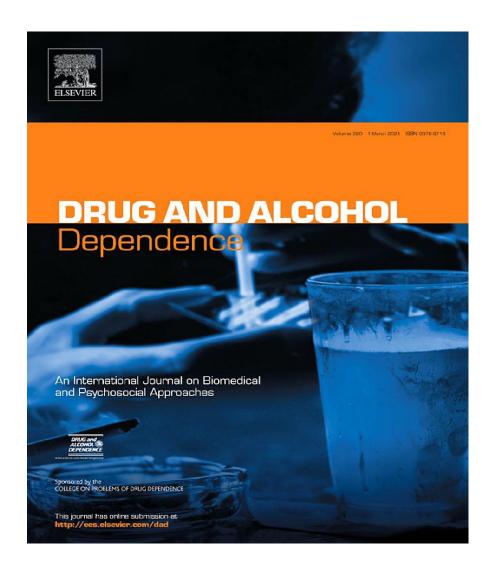
Engagement rate over the six-month post-discharge time period was higher for participants in the recovery coaching intervention (84%, 95% CI: 78% to 91%) compared to the standard of care control condition (34%, 95% CI: 25% to 44%),  $\log OR = 28.95$ , p < .001.

#### **Conclusion**

SUD is a chronic, relapse-prone disease, and the most important factor for predicting improvement at five years post-discharge is on-going engagement (Weisner et al, 2003). This study demonstrates that inpatient linkage to recover coaching services improves engagement rates and can feasibly be implemented in a single large hospital system. This intervention is promising for both short-term and long-term engagement in recovery support services.

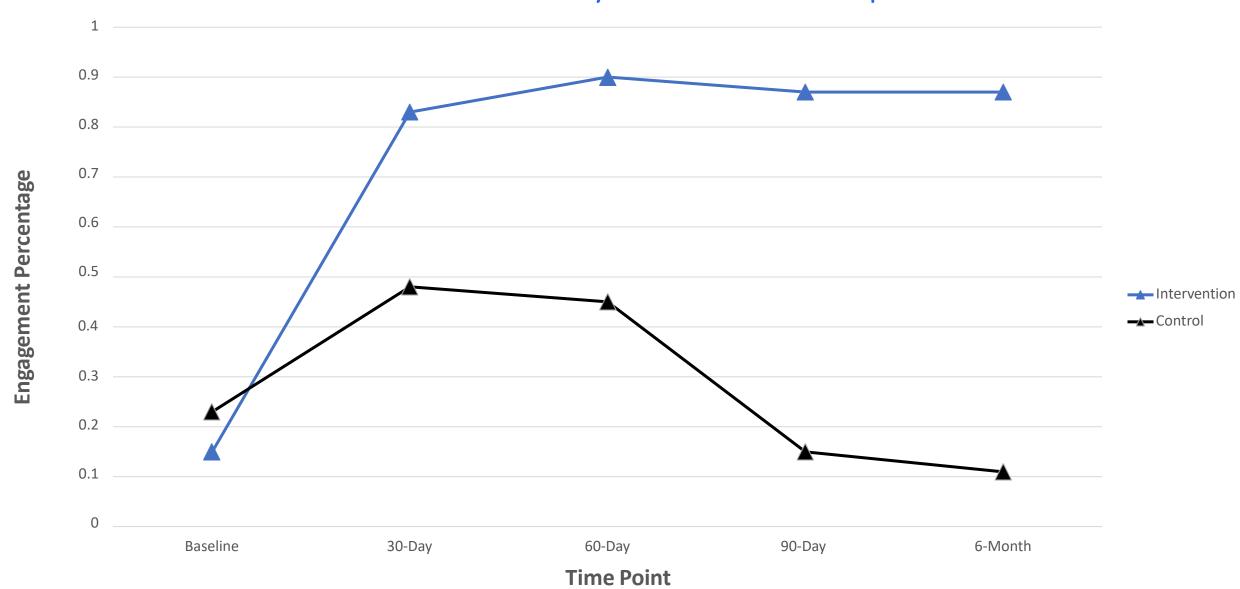
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# Percentage of Participants Engaged in Recovery Care Services by Condition: All Participants





# Study in Development

# Peer Intervention to Link Overdose Survivors to Treatment

#### **Project Overview**

**Summary**: This project is a 3-site, randomized controlled trial using Peer Recovery Coaches trained in FORCE (FAVOR Overdose Recovery Coaching Evaluation).

**Engagement Plan:** Coaches will engage with opioid overdose survivors in the emergency department and follow a modified FORCE manual using a tiered approach of engagement, utilizing motivational interviewing and a strengths-based care management approach to engage participants in care and develop a patient-centered recovery plan.

**Intervention Duration:** The FORCE intervention will be tailored to the participant's needs and will continue for 12 months after enrollment.

**Integration and Referral:** This intervention will be compared to Treatment as Usual (TAU) in which overdose survivors receive referral to treatment.

**Anticipated Results:** Outcomes include engagement in formal OUD treatment between groups, retention in treatment, and number of overdoses after enrollment.



- The ACE model has been adopted by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trial Network (CTN)
- The NIDA CTN is the federal government's program to identify and promote evidencebased programs
- The first peer recovery model to be included in the Clinical Trial Network



# Family Principles

#### Family Recovery Contributes to Individual Recovery

#### **Engage**

Engage the family as a trusted resource and advocate. Family members should have a qualified expert consultant to help them navigate the system.

#### **Education**

Educate the family on the basics of behavioral health, substance misuse, boundary setting and self-care. Family members need objective information.

#### **Empowerment**

Empower the family to respond to behavioral health and substance misuse issues. Family members can influence outcomes and positively impact the process.

#### **Encourage**

Encourage the family to practice self-care. Family members must practice stress management and pursue their own wellbeing.



### Youturn Health Difference

#### **Traditional Support Meets Technology**

#### **Quality of Care**

Effective support programs are built on <u>evidence-based practices</u>. Youturn Health is founded on sound clinical theory and practices such as motivational Interviewing, harm reduction principles, and family systems theories.

#### **Family Inclusive**

Family members and loved ones are included in our care delivery model at <u>no additional cost</u>. This provides supportive care which will help bring about productive change for the entire family.

#### **End-to-End Engagement**

Our supplementary peer- and long-term support tools reduce readmission rates, drive <a href="high-engagement">high-engagement</a> and satisfaction scores, and increase the probability of long-term recovery.



# **Employer Impact and Program Implementation**



# **Employer Impact**

Employers spend, on average, over \$15,000 more a year on employees who experience mental distress.

EACH MENTALLY
DISTRESSED WORKER
COSTS an employer
OVER \$ 4,700
a year in extra days of
work missed

Mentally distressed
workers cost employers
over \$2,800
more in health care
services per year than
their peers.

DISTRESSED WORKER

COSTS an employer

OVER \$ 5,700

a year in costs related to

TURNOVER

<sup>\*</sup>Statistics According to the National Safety Council



# **Mental Health Conditions**

Many individuals may be experiencing more than one type of mental distress

#### Depression

| Group Size | Employees<br>Impacted | Family<br>Members<br>Impacted |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 50         | 4                     | 4                             |
| 100        | 8                     | 9                             |
| 200        | 15                    | 18                            |

#### Anxiety

| Group Size | Employees<br>Impacted | Family<br>Members<br>Impacted |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 50         | 2                     | 3                             |
| 100        | 4                     | 7                             |
| 200        | 9                     | 14                            |
|            |                       |                               |

#### Suicidal Ideation

| Employees<br>Impacted | Family<br>Members<br>Impacted |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3                     | 3                             |
| 6                     | 7                             |
| 13                    | 14                            |
|                       | Impacted  3  6                |

#### Substance Use Comorbidity

| Employees<br>Impacted | Family<br>Members<br>Impacted |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1                     | 2                             |
| 2                     | 5                             |
| 5                     | 9                             |
|                       | 1 2                           |

<sup>\*</sup>National Safety Council Mental Health Calculator



# **Annual Cost of Program**

For every \$1 invested in mental health treatment there is a \$4 return in improved health and productivity.

| Employer Size | Lost Time | Job Turnover &<br>Re-training | Health Care | Total Annual Cost | ROI<br>Based off of \$1:\$4 |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 50            | \$15,672  | \$18,789                      | \$21,904    | \$56,365          | \$225,460                   |
| 100           | \$36,568  | \$43,841                      | \$46,620    | \$127,029         | \$508,116                   |
| 200           | \$73,136  | \$87,682                      | \$93,240    | \$254,058         | \$1,016,232                 |

<sup>\*</sup>National Safety Council Mental Health Calculator

#### **Contributing Factors to Employer Cost:**

- Missed Days Due to Illness
  - Days of Work Skipped **ER Visits**
- Employees Who Will Cause a Safety Incident •
- **Outpatient Visits**

Days in Hospital

**Excess Annual Turnover** 



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| Employer Size | PEPM<br>Covered by Pilot | Coaching Fee* \$175 / Family / Month | Total Annual Cost | ROI<br>Based off of \$1:\$4 |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 50            | \$0                      | \$1,313                              | \$1,313           | \$5,252                     |
| 100           | \$0                      | \$2,625                              | \$2,625           | \$10,500                    |
| 200           | \$0                      | \$5,250                              | \$5,250           | \$21,000                    |

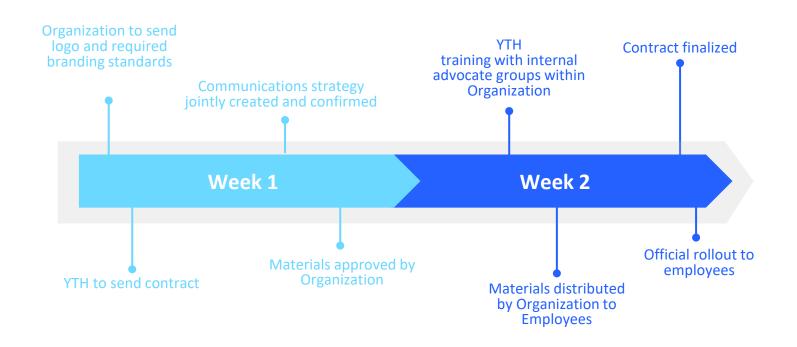
<sup>\*</sup>Based off 5% engagement with an average engagement of 3 months

# **Points of Comparison:**

- Cost of EAP Program
- Cost of employee visits to traditional therapy
- Cost of Safety Programs and Trainings



# Implementation Timeline





# **Engagement Strategy**

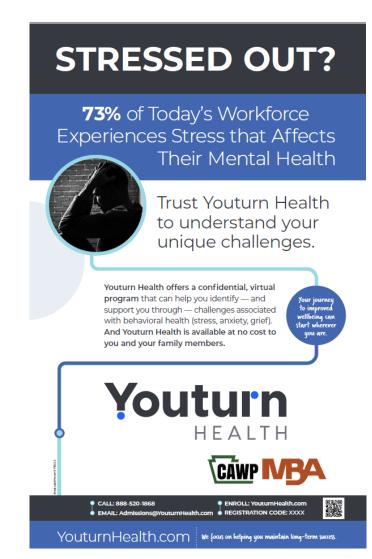


- Engagement Toolkit: Includes Digital Signage, One Pager, FAQs, Brochure, Content Overview, Email Content
- Advocate Trainings: Either stand alone trainings or can be part of another standing meeting with key internal advocates (i.e. HR leads, team leads, safety leads)
- Webinars: Put on by YTH for all Organizations
- Campaigns: Text and/or email based campaigns sent by YTH or Organization



# Sample Communications





XXXXXX is partnering with Youturn Health to offer a new program that provides resources to help address stress management, anxiety, compression fatigue, substance misuse and addiction.

We as an organization recognize how stressful life can be, especially this past year, so we wanted to provide a program to specifically support the overall mental health of you and your loved ones.

Youturn Health is available at no cost to you and <u>all</u> your family members. The program provides confidential access to a virtual support program with online education and Peer Support Specialists.

Evidence shows that active engagement in support services, like this one, has been identified as critical in improving mental health and achieving greater overall wellbeing, so we strongly encourage the use of this program.

The Youturn Health program is easy to access and free to use for all employees and your families. The program gives you access to <u>unlimited</u> coaching AND an online learning management system with the largest video library of education, inspiring stories, and insights about substance abuse and suicide prevention to support you through your own journey.

To enroll, you can call directly at 888-520-1868 or sign up through the Youturn Health intake team via: Admissions@youturnhealth.com

#### Call a Peer Support Specialist if you want:

- Stress Management coaching
- Self-Care & Coping Strategies
- Addictive Habits
- Boundary Setting
- · To better understand addiction
- · Education about recovery and treatment options
- Mindfulness
- · Intervention options