Workplace Wellness: A Discussion of New Findings and Efforts To Advance Healthier Communities

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Web Forum Agenda

• Presentation of study findings related to workplace wellness
• Discussion of workplace wellness efforts associated with Community Transformation Grants (CTG)
• Overview of APHA work as a national CTG grantee on dissemination relative to workplace wellness
• Explanation of current efforts underway as part of the CDC’s Healthy Worksite Program
• Recommendations for implementing workplace wellness programs in small businesses
• Open discussion and Q&A session
POLL #2

My workplace engages in the following workplace wellness practices (select all that apply):

a. Fresh fruit/vegetables offered as snacks
b. Walking meetings or walking groups
c. Subsidized gym membership
d. Health education classes
e. Health risk assessments
f. None of the above
g. Other (please submit your answer in Q&A)
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POLL #3

What actions are you likely to take after the Web Forum? (select all that apply):

a. Learn more about your worksite’s wellness policies and practices
b. Read the PI/GLI policy brief
c. Contact policy makers who are implementing ACA/workplace wellness policies in your state
d. Communicate with colleagues about potential actions to take
e. None of the above
f. Other (please submit answer in Q&A)
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What ideas do you have about ways in which employers can be advocates for policies that improve the environment for their employees AND the community around the worksite?
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The Network for a Healthy California -- Worksite Program is a public health initiative led by the California Department of Public Health and administered by the Public Health Institute.

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cpns/Pages/WorksiteProgram.aspx
Examples of target industries

– Agriculture (13)
  • [DelMonte Foods; Driscoll’s, Christopher Ranch, Paramount]

– Retail (93)
  • [Northgate Markets, Cardenas Markets, Walgreen’s, Burlington Coat Factory]

– Accommodation/Food Service (12)
  • [Hilton, Pinnacle, Doubletree]

– Manufacturing (9)
  • [Poolmasters, Ruskin Sound and Air Control]
The Worksite Program’s California Fit Business Kit offers ten self-guided worksite wellness tools to assist the employer through making environmental and policy changes to create healthier workplaces, improve employee health, productivity, and morale while reducing absenteeism.

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cpns/Pages/WorksiteFitBusinessKit.aspx
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