Worksite Health 101

Assessment and Data Collection

NHWP Training and Assistance

Making the Business Case
- Relationship between health and business performance
- Impact of worksite health programs
- Key components of a comprehensive worksite health program

Leadership and Culture
- Developing leadership support
- Creating a healthy worksite culture
- Building infrastructure and capacity

Data Collection
- Worksites health assessment process
- Types of data to collect
- Using data for program planning

Planning & Implementation
- Determining program goals and objectives
- Developing detailed worksite health plans
- Putting assessment and planning into practice

Program Evaluation
- Measuring process and outcomes
- Key evaluation metrics

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Learning Objectives

Understand the following:

• The worksite health assessment process.
• Reasons to collect data.
• The types of data used in worksite health promotion planning.
• Understanding the uses for specific assessment instruments.

Worksite Health Assessment

In this section:

• Describe assessment as part of a comprehensive worksite health program.
• Benefits of the worksite health assessment process.
Worksite Health Assessment

- The process of gathering information about the factors that support or hinder the health and safety of employees.
- Identifies potential opportunities to improve or address health and safety risk factors.
- Helps to identify the current picture of worksite health as well as ways to improve it.
- A necessary first step that drives health improvement planning, resource allocation, program implementation, and outcomes evaluation.
Worksite Health Assessment Process

• **Creates connections** between the various types of health issues identified by assessment tools.

• **Drives development** of a workplace health improvement plan.

• **Answers key questions:**
  - What are the key health and safety issues affecting employees?
  - What factors at the worksite influence employee health?
  - What are the employees' health and safety concerns?
  - What strategies are most appropriate to address these health and safety issues?

Data Collection Instruments

*In this section:*

• Types of worksite health data

• Uses for specific data collection instruments
  - Organizational Assessments
  - Individual Assessments
Types of Worksite Health Data

- Demographic Data
- Organizational Data
  - Organizational Assessment (completed by those with strong knowledge of the organization)
  - Health Climate Analysis/Health Culture Audit (completed by employees)
  - Employee Needs and Interests
- Individual Data
  - Employee Health Assessment and Biometric Screening
- Medical, Disability and Workers’ Compensation Claims

Demographic Data

- Male/female
- Average age
- Job classification (shift, job function)
- Education level
- Marital status
- Race/ethnicity
- Language
Organizational Assessments

• Address existing healthy worksite programs, policies, benefits and practices and identify areas for improvement.

• Allow employers to compare their health promotion programs against other organizations of similar size and sector.

• Health Climate Analysis:
  o Measure employee perception of management’s and coworker’s commitment to employee health and safety.

• Needs and Interest Surveys.

CDC Worksite Health ScoreCard (HSC)

Assesses best practice health promotion interventions including policies, programs and environmental supports.

- Organizational supports
- Tobacco control
- Nutrition
- Physical activity
- Weight management
- Stress management
- Depression

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Signs and symptoms of heart attack and stroke
- Emergency response to heart attack and stroke
Why Use The CDC Worksite Health ScoreCard?

• A comprehensive worksite health promotion program:
  o Evidence-based individual risk reduction programs
  o Environmental supports for healthy behaviors
  o Organizational policies and healthy worksite activities

• Only 6.9 percent of employers offer a comprehensive worksite health promotion program.

• Few validated worksite tools that adequately measure a comprehensive worksite health promotion program.

Who can use the CDC HSC tool?

• Employers and individuals responsible for worksite health promotion to:
  o Help employees adopt healthy lifestyles.
  o Establish benchmarks and track improvements over time.
  o Integrate efforts with business objectives.

• State health departments can use the tool to:
  o Assist employers and business coalitions to establish healthier workplaces.
  o Monitor worksite practices.
  o Establish best-practice benchmarks and track improvements in worksite health promotion programs over time.
Employee perception on topics related to health and safety in the workplace

Needs and Interest surveys

Biometric screening

Health assessment surveys (health risks and behaviors)
CDC Employee - INPUTS™
(Interests, Needs, and Perspectives to Undertake a Tailored Strategy)

• Health Climate Survey to gather employee perception on topics related to health and safety in the workplace.
• Measures employee perceptions about:
  o Personal health and health-related work limitations
  o Organizational culture and social norms
  o Job hazards – physical and psychological
• Includes employee needs and interest questions.
• Employers receive detailed aggregate report with intervention recommendations.

Employee - INPUTS™ Domains

Health and Safety Climate

Health Program Interests

Work and Job Qualities
  • Job demands
  • Work stress
  • Work-family conflict
  • Commute time
  • Civility norms

Health and Well-being
  • General health
  • Pain symptoms
  • Sleep quality
  • Work ability

Work Outcomes
  • Job satisfaction
  • Burnout
  • Intent to leave
Identifies High Interest Areas

How you can collect interest data:

• Interest Surveys (address barriers to participation)
  o Paper/pencil
  o Online
• Focus groups (8–10 people to share ideas).
• One-on-one discussions.
• For in-person discussions, consider sharing interview questions with interviewees before meeting, so they can prepare thoughtful responses.

Balancing Interests and Need

High Needs + High Interest = Success

• Example: If health assessment data indicates high need for weight management and employees have high interest in weight management programs, you have an optimal environment for success!
Balancing Interest and Need

Interest counts, but need takes priority

• Example: Company X has identified that 85% of employees do not meet physical activity recommendations, and interest is also very low

• The company chose to address this problem by:
  o Implementing a flex-time policy to encourage physical activity, organizing a walking club, and improving their stairwells.
  o Raising interest in physical activity through regular communications, coworker success stories, and a team competition.

Biometric Screening

• Screening tests to identify at-risk employees and populate Employee Health Assessment
  o Referral for at-risk individuals critical

• Multiple collection methods
  o Onsite screening event
  o Laboratory referral
  o Physician

• Typical screening tests:
  o Blood pressure/pulse
  o Lipid profile (Total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, Triglycerides)
  o Height/weight (body mass index)
  o Glucose (when risk factors for diabetes are present)
Health Assessment Surveys

Employee Health Assessments:

- Identify current health status, lifestyle behaviors and readiness to change.
  - Drives health improvement plan program prioritization.
  - Sets baseline to measure change.
- 20% of participants will make changes based on receiving a personal health report.
- Multiple options available.


Aggregate Medical Claims

- Pharmaceutical Claims
  - Prescription drug usage
  - Data by volume and cost
- Use of medical system
  - Primary care visits
  - Preventive care utilization
  - Urgent care
  - Emergent care/emergency room
- Major medical
  - Inpatient/outpatient
Importance of High Employee Health Assessment Participation

Medical claims identify fewer than one-third of health risks

- Identified Risks: 30%
- Unidentified Risks: 70%

Source: Holmes Murphy, Aggregate Client Demographic Analysis, 2010.

Share Results/Tie to Performance

- Sharing data and results with employees can create buy-in and support for the worksite health program
  - Why did you collect data?
  - Who was included and how many responded?
  - When was data collected?
  - Who collected the data; who has access to it?
  - What did you find out?
  - How did the data drive the health improvement planning process?
  - What outcomes were achieved?
Data Collection - Tips

• Objectively report data.
• HIPAA compliance (NEVER release individual data).
• Stress confidentiality.
• Collect data as frequently as possible.
• Keep reports straightforward and relevant.
• Look for areas of high need and interest whenever possible.
• Don’t collect data you don’t intend to use.

Assessment Summary

• Data drives the health improvement planning process.
• Data establishes a baseline and documents outcomes.
• Balance employee interests and health and safety priorities.
• Link results to organizational performance.
CDC Worksite Health Promotion Resources

www.cdc.gov/WorkplaceHealthPromotion  www.cdc.gov/NationalHealthyWorksite/