# REALING Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network

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#### Outline

- Program Overview & Goals
- Activities & Outcomes
  - Healthcare
  - Workforce Development
  - Industry
  - Community
- Q&A/Brainstorming
- Next Steps





#### Retaining Employment and Talent after Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN)

- Helps workers stay at or return to work when an injury or illness impacts employment.
- A no-cost early intervention program to improve stay-atwork/return-to-work (SAW/RTW) outcomes.
- Promotes closer coordination among *individuals* and *organizations* who influence workers' decisions to work or not.
- Clinical trial model; intervention and control arms.



### **Program Goal**

Increase employment retention and labor force participation of ill and injured individuals; reduce long-term work disability





## **Phase I and Statewide Expansion**

#### Phase I

- \$3.5 Million
- 150 people
- Build strategic multi disciplinary partnerships
- Regional focus Southeastern MN
- Development of new data protocols and systems
- Embedding Return to Work Case Managers (RTWCMs) into the clinical practice

#### Phase II

- \$19.5 Million Incrementally awarded
- 3,200 people
  - Randomized to intervention vs. control
- Statewide expansion
   New partners
- Equity focus on underserved and underrepresented communities
   Equity benchmark of 15%



### Eligibility

- Be 18-years-old or older
- Live and work in Minnesota
- Employed or active in the labor force
- Has worked at least one day within the last 3 months
- Have an injury/illness that impacts employment





### **Services Provided**

- Facilitate early intervention and coordination
- Review medical conditions to determine impact on essential job functions
- Training in occupational health best practices
- Enhance communication among workers, employers, and health care providers
- Follow-up until successful return to work, obtain permanent restrictions
- Accommodations and job modifications
- Retraining and rehabilitation services

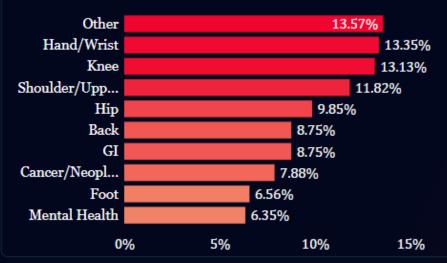


RETAIN	645	320	325	171	474
Performance Tracking	Total Participant	Control Participant	Treatment Participant	Active Participant	Exited Participant

#### Number of Participants by County

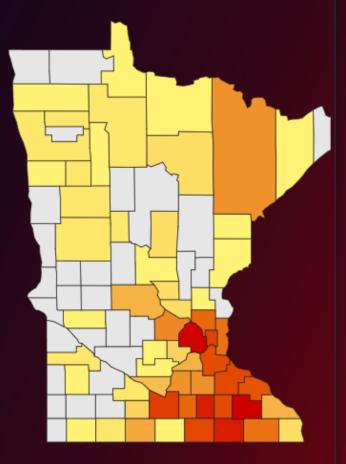
Top 10 Industry classification of Participants	Count T
Health Care	108
Manufacturing	79
Education	65
Other Services	65
Retail Trade or Wholesale Trade	65
Transportation	47
Finance or Real Estate	41
Professional, Management or Administrative	20
Public Administration	10
Information	7
Total	507

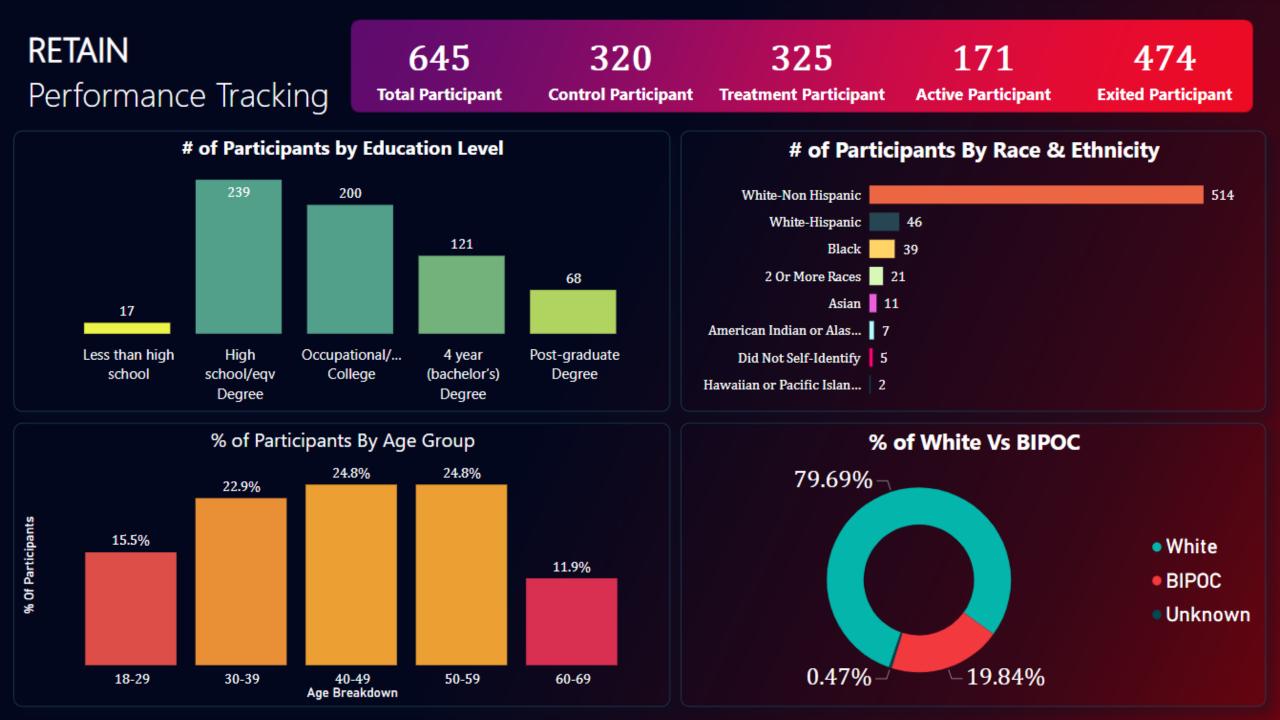
Top 10 I	llnesses or	Injuries
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Top 10 Counties	Number of Participants	
Olmsted	170	
Hennepin	49	
Mower	39	
Steele	39	
Blue Earth	27	
Ramsey	25	
Freeborn	23	
Goodhue	23	
Dodge	22	
Dakota	21	
Total	438	

Top 5 Referral Source	Count ▼
Management Information System: Health care	593
Self-referral: recommendation from friend, colleague, employer, or insurer	18
Health care provider (RETAIN affiliated)	14
Management Information System: Workforce system	7
Self-referral: social media or press coverage	6
Total	638





## **Healthcare Partnerships**

- Deliver RETAIN services to eligible participants through Return-to-Work Case Managers & educate healthcare providers
- Mayo Clinic Lead Healthcare Partner
  - Rochester Clinic
  - Fulcrum Healthcare Network
  - \*Additional discussions with potential healthcare subrecipients ongoing
- What's working:
  - Use of Electronic Medical Record system to screen for potential participants
  - $\odot$  Strong buy-in from partners on the goals of RETAIN
  - $\odot$  Cohesive healthcare team trained for <code>RETAIN</code>





### **Workforce Development**

- Retraining/rehabilitation for workers who can no longer perform their prior job or find other suitable alternative work.
- Workforce Development, Inc. Lead Workforce Development Partner
   Goodwill Easter-Seals
- What's working:

 Direct referrals from Mayo Clinic– all activities and reporting done through Workforce One, State database system

- o 177 individuals referred for training and/or career services
- Support services: Helping participants with housing and transportation



## **Employer Partnerships**

- Employer Champion

   Crest View Senior Communities
- Industries of interest

   Healthcare; Metal, Wood, Food Manufacturing; Transportation; Agriculture
- Outreach efforts
  - Contacted 181 companies in our industries of interest
     Connected with 165 companies outside our industries of interest
     Contacted 208 Chambers of Commerce across MN
- Challenges: Employer follow up/engagement
- **Opportunities:** Engaging employer networks



## **Community Partnerships**

- Community Engagement Strategies
  - Meeting the people where they
  - Community Advisory Board(CAB)
  - Utilize faith-based systems and partnerships
- Community Partners
  - Community Based Organizations(CBOs)
  - Community Leaders/Influencers
- Outreach Efforts
  - Exhibited at 40 plus community events
  - Connected with more than 20 BIPOC led organizations
  - Distributed over 5000 RETAIN promotional materials within the community.





## **Call to Action**

- MN RETAIN is here to help! MN RETAIN can provide free training to your teams so that your staff and clients can benefit from MN RETAIN. Visit <u>mnretain.com</u> for more information.
- **Spread the news!** We want to serve as many eligible MN workers as possible. What networks/groups should we connect with? We can provide promotional materials translated into multiple languages upon request.

#### • Discussion:

- Strategies for bringing on additional healthcare partners.
- Engaging employers/industries; community partners.
- O Increasing awareness of MN RETAIN & self-referrals for RETAIN services





# Thank you!



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