

# Why a Worksite Wellness Program?

# The workplace is a great place to implement wellness programs because:

- Employees are at work 8-10 hours/day
- Programs can be tailored to a specific audience
- Employees can benefit from social support
- Lifestyle choices affect the bottom line

### Wellness Councils work to improve employees' health and well-being through:

- Activities and programs
- Environmental and policy changes
- Health awareness and knowledge
- Motivation to practice healthy behaviors

#### Benefits from workplace health promotion:

- Better employee morale
- Decreased absenteeism
- Increased productivity and engagement

# **PEHP Wellness can help by:**

- Providing resources
- Providing technical assistance to develop Wellness Councils
- Providing funding through Mini-Grants and the Work Well-Being Challenge

"Workplace health promotion programs are effective because people spend a huge portion of their waking hours at work, and great health promotion programs are able to create social cultures and physical environments that make healthy choices the easiest choices."

- Michael O'Donnell, MBA, MPH, Ph.D.

Founder of American Journal of Health Promotion





