

From Burnout to Balance: Trauma- informed Culture Change

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Welcome

~ So good to see you here today ~

Please introduce yourself in the chat please



Objectives

Understand

Understand how trauma-informed principles enhance psychological safety, well-being, and thriving for care workers, and why these approaches matter for sustainable workplace health.

Examine

Examine how leadership behaviors, policies, and organizational norms can sustain, strengthen, and model a supportive and trauma-informed culture.

Use concrete methods, frameworks, and implementation tools to embed trauma-informed organizational practices and create environments where care workers feel safe, valued, and supported

Recognize

Recognize the critical drivers and steps needed to build and maintain responsive, resilient, and psychologically safe workplaces through trauma-informed approaches.

Agenda



Background & Overview of
Trauma-informed approaches to
support psychological safety



Sharing of key frameworks &
tools



Dialogue & Discussion (last 15
minutes)



Poll Question~ Who's in the Room today?
Which hat are you wearing for this webinar?

Health Care
Worker

Manager/Supervisor

Researcher

Student

Family/Caregiver

Patient/Client

Policy Maker

Other

Background & Overview of Trauma-informed & Equity promoting approaches to support psychological safety

Creating Cultures of Care

Psychological Health and Safety in health-care

Health-care workers



1.5 times more likely to be off work



40% report feeling burned out



50% intend to leave the profession



Only 60% satisfied with the quality of care they are providing

⁸Challenges Faced by Health Care Workforce



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Without Healthy Healthcare Workforce there is no Healthcare delivery system

NATIONAL POST
News / Canada

Depressed and burned out, Ontario nurses planning to leave the field in droves, poll finds

The survey found that 70% of respondents were planning to leave their jobs in five years. Among those who wanted to leave the profession, 42% said they wanted out for good

Swikar Oli

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Emergency room nurse Almee Earhart speaks to a reporter as the Omicron coronavirus variant continued to put pressure on Humber River Hospital in Toronto, on Jan. 20, 2022. PHOTO BY CARLOS OSORIO / REUTERS

Burnout among educators and health-care workers in Canada



Read the report



[HTTPS://NATIONALPOST.COM/NEWS/CANADA/ONTARIO-NURSES-PLANNING-TO-LEAVE-THE-FIELD-IN-DROVES-POLL-FINDS](https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/ontario-nurses-planning-to-leave-the-field-in-droves-poll-finds)

Poll: How many of us
here have experienced
burn-out in our career?

- once
- at least 5 times
- never



Word Cloud:
What comes to mind when
you hear the word 'burn-
out'



What is Burn-out? (WHO, CPA)

Burnout is an "occupational phenomenon" and syndrome resulting from chronic, unmanaged workplace stress, characterized by three dimensions:

- **Exhaustion**
- **Cynicism or negativism** toward work
- **Ineffectiveness:** Reduced sense of professional accomplishment.

It's a state of **emotional, physical, and mental exhaustion** that can reduce productivity and motivation. Burnout isn't a medical diagnosis but a response to conditions of work

Healthy and Safe Workplace

Workers understand their roles and believe they can contribute to decisions about how their work is carried out.

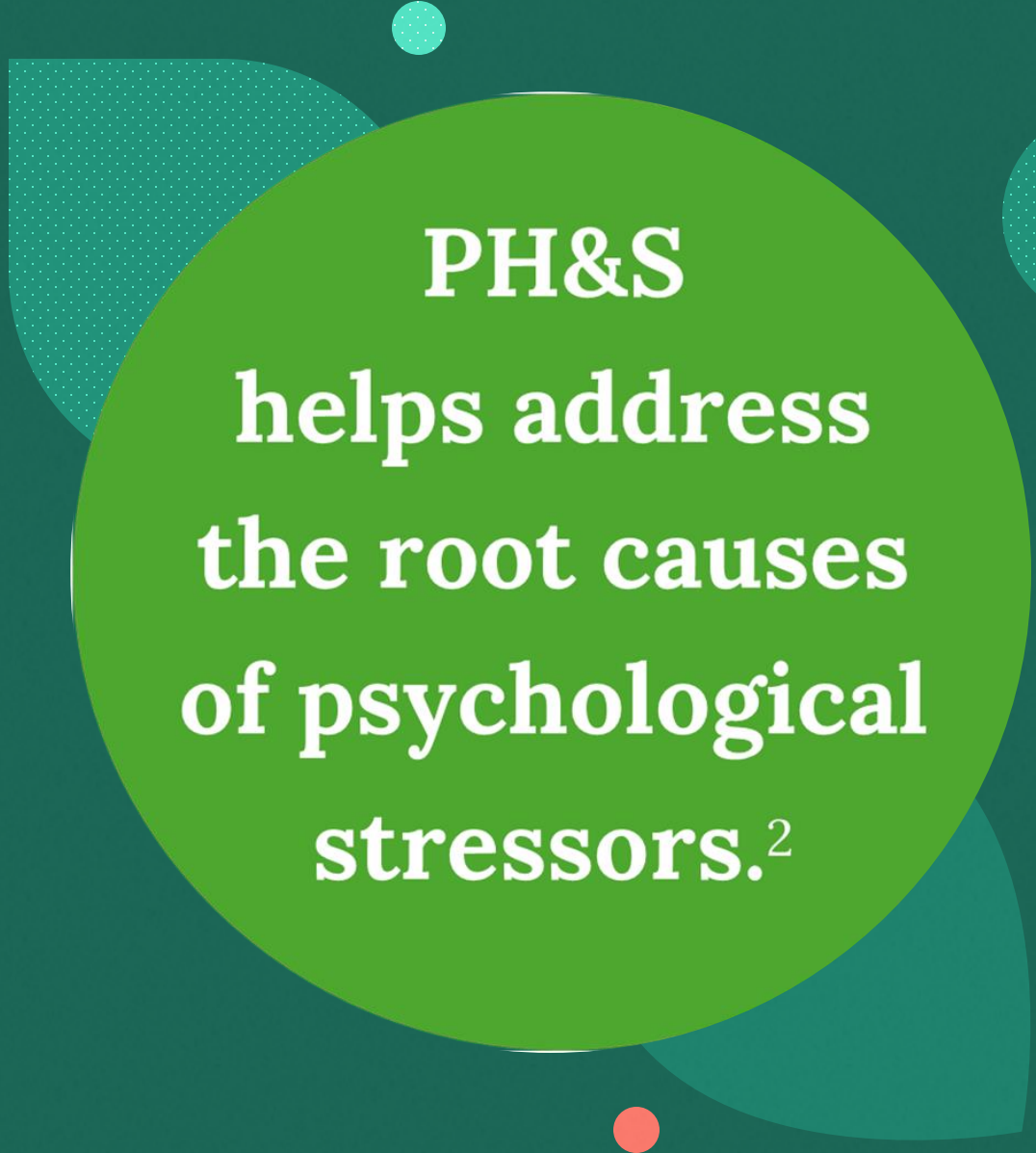
The National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace outlines a systematic framework for employers to use in creating and sustaining healthy, safe workplaces.

Word Cloud:
What comes to
Mind when you
hear “Psychological
Health & Safety in
the work”



What is Psychological Health and Safety (PH&S) in the workplace ?

PH&S in the workplace is the systematic support provided within an organization and within teams to actively prevent and minimize the risk of psychological harm from work-related causes and promote mental health.¹



PH&S
helps address
the root causes
of psychological
stressors.²

13 Factors + 2 of Psychological Health & Safety in the Workplace

- Organizational Culture
 - Psychological and Social Support
 - Clear Leadership & Expectations
 - Civility & Respect
 - Psychological Demands
 - Growth & Development
 - Recognition & Reward
 - Involvement & Influence
 - Workload Management
 - Engagement
 - Balance
 - Psychological Protection
 - Protection of Physical Safety
- + PLUS 2 for Healthcare”
- Protection from Moral Distress
 - Support for Psychological Self-care



Six Evidence-Based Actions to Achieve Three Primary Outcomes for Joy in Practice

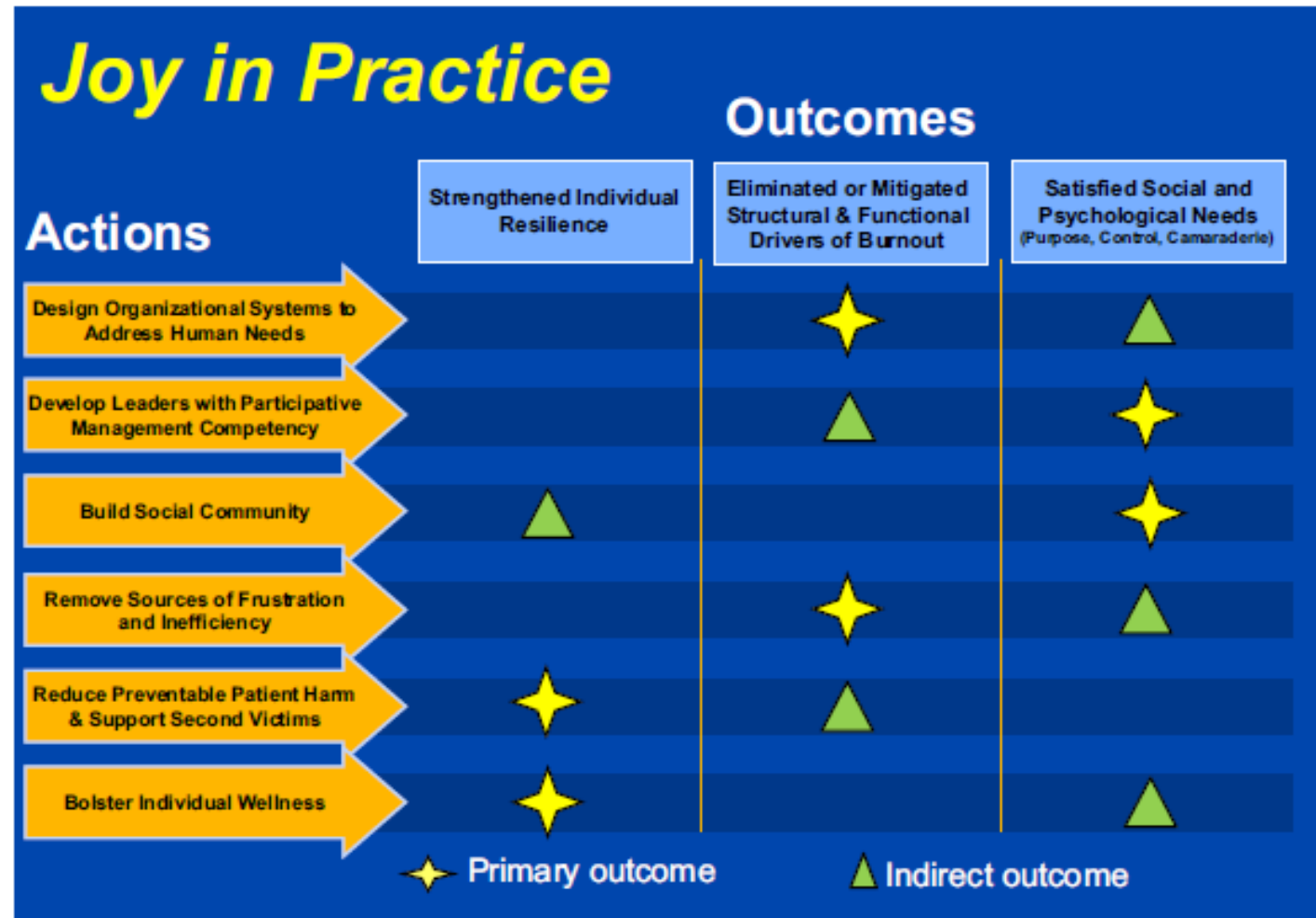


Figure 1: To reduce professional burnout and bring back Joy in Practice, leaders can take six evidence-based actions to achieve three primary outcomes.

Resilience Strategy: Senior Leadership & Middle Managers Essential



Why: Workforce Resiliency Essential to Organizational Resiliency

**Finite
Resources**

Human & Time

**Workforce
Capacity**

= Surge Capacity

**NOT a
Wellness
Program**

Crisis Communication

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Are You a Trauma-Responsive Leader? Why Trauma-Informed Leaders Make a Happy and Healthy Workplace

By bringing more trauma awareness and building a culture of patience, compassion, forgiveness and empathy, we can create the understanding that leads to happier, healthier and more productive people and places of business.



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<https://hbr.org/2022/03/we-need-trauma-informed-workplaces>

<https://business.kaiserpermanente.org/insights/mental-health-workplace/trauma-informed-workplace>

<https://www.entrepreneur.com/leadership/are-you-a-trauma-informed-and-trauma-responsive-leader/443428>

Trauma-Informed Organizations & Their Staff

Realize

- The prevalence and widespread impact of trauma

Recognize

- How trauma affects everyone involved with the organization (Clients, Families, Communities, Workforce)

Respond

- Fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies and procedures, and practices

Resist Re-traumatization

- Actively seeks to avoid re-traumatization

Core Principles of Trauma-informed Approach



**Acknowledg
e**



Safety



Trust



Choice



**Relational &
Collaborative**



**Shared
Power**

Realize. Recognize. Respond. Reduce Re-traumatization

Jean Tweed, 2013; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2014

Cultivating an Organizational Culture of Trauma-Informed Practice



Awareness, Acknowledgement, & Making Space

Awareness

- Awareness of Potential impacts
- Awareness of our impact
- Awareness of threats to safety/trust/choice/control

Acknowledge

- Acknowledge impact/experience
- Acknowledge Discomfort/Distress in others & in ourselves
- Acknowledge shared vulnerability/powerlessness

Space

- Make Space for discomfort
- Make space of unease

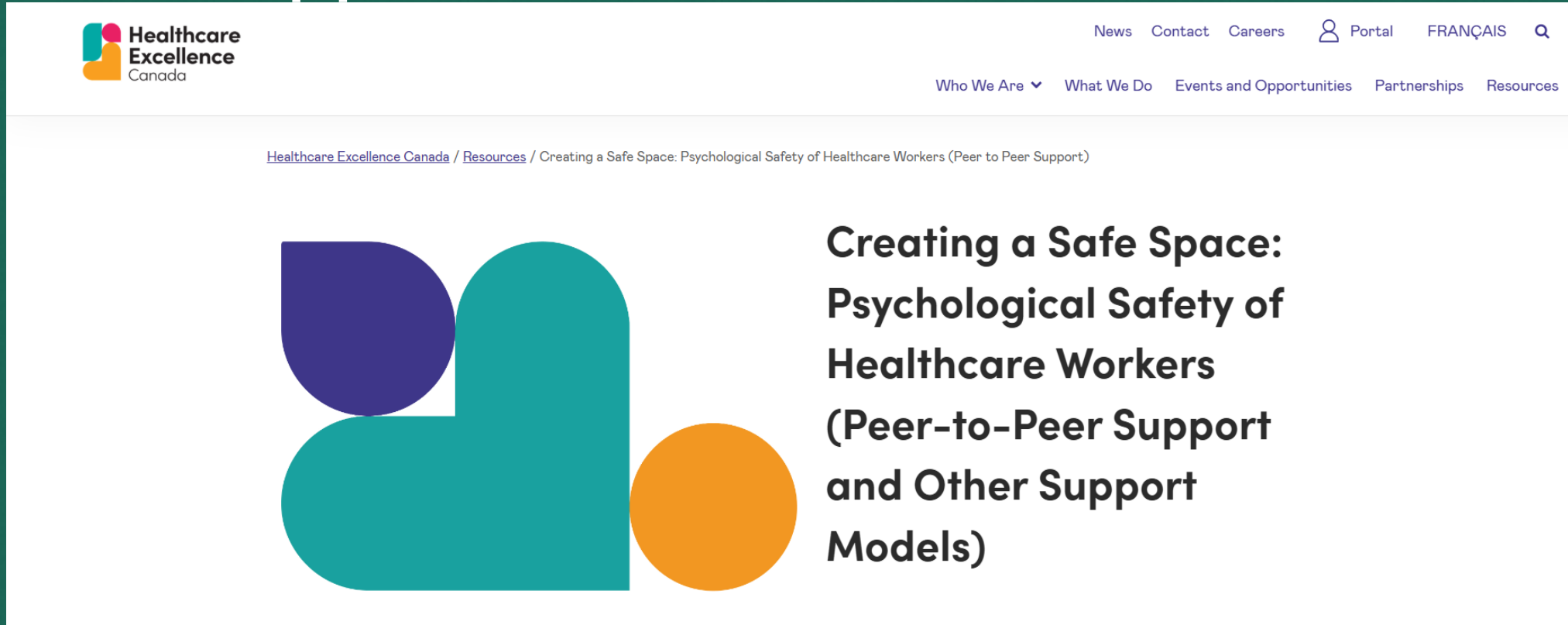
Moving Away from What is Wrong to What has Happened?



Practical Tools & Strategies



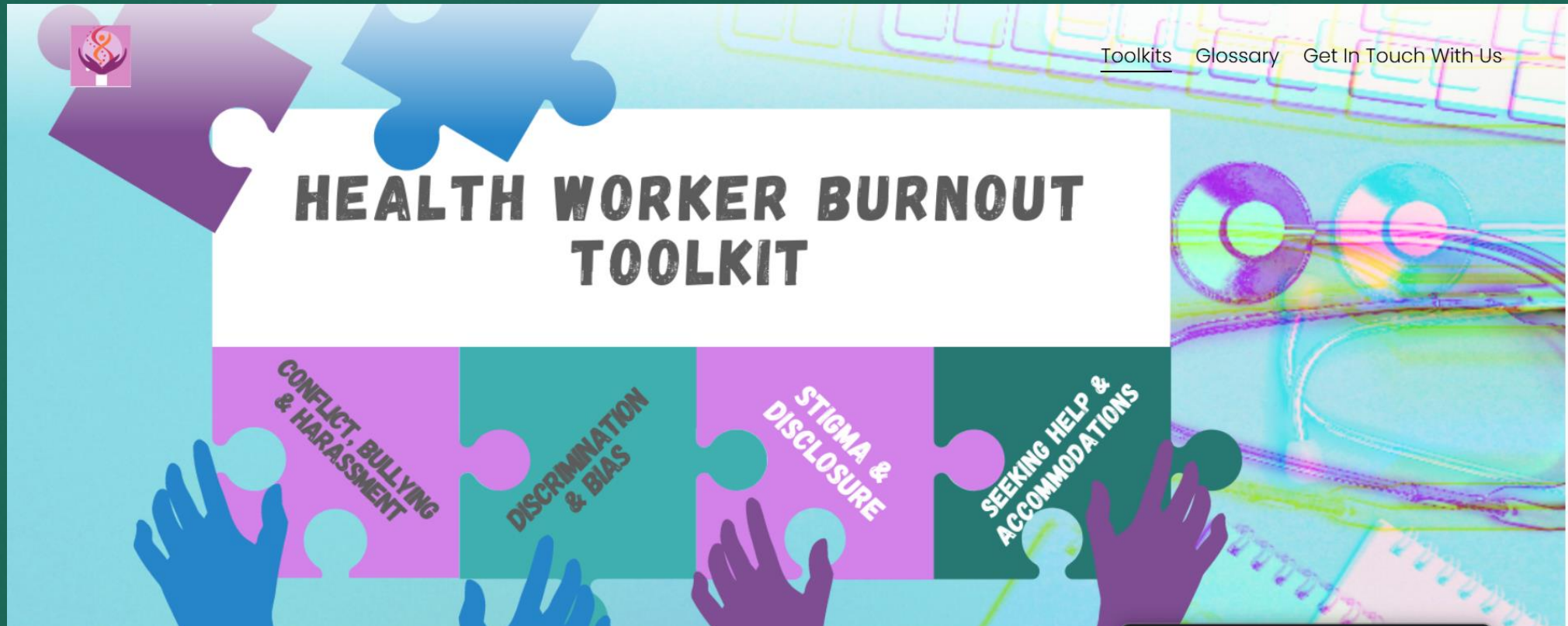
Peer Support Matters



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- Organizational peer supports and communities of practice are effective supports

Health Worker Burn-out Toolkit



<https://www.mhcaretoolkit.ca/burnout-toolkit>

Resource Preview



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SECTOR : All



INTERSECTIONAL : All



FORMAT : All



LOCATION : All



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Healthy Professional Worker Toolkit →

This toolkit includes represents a collection of curated resources to help professionals deal with mental health issues such as workload management, conflict, bullying & harassment, discrimination and addressing stigma and disclosure. It includes resources for 6 different professions including Academia,



Health Worker Burnout Toolkit →

The Health Worker Burnout Toolkit is a free platform of evidence-informed strategies to improve the mental health of health care workers. The interventions in this toolkit are categorized according to four levels: system, organization, team and individual.



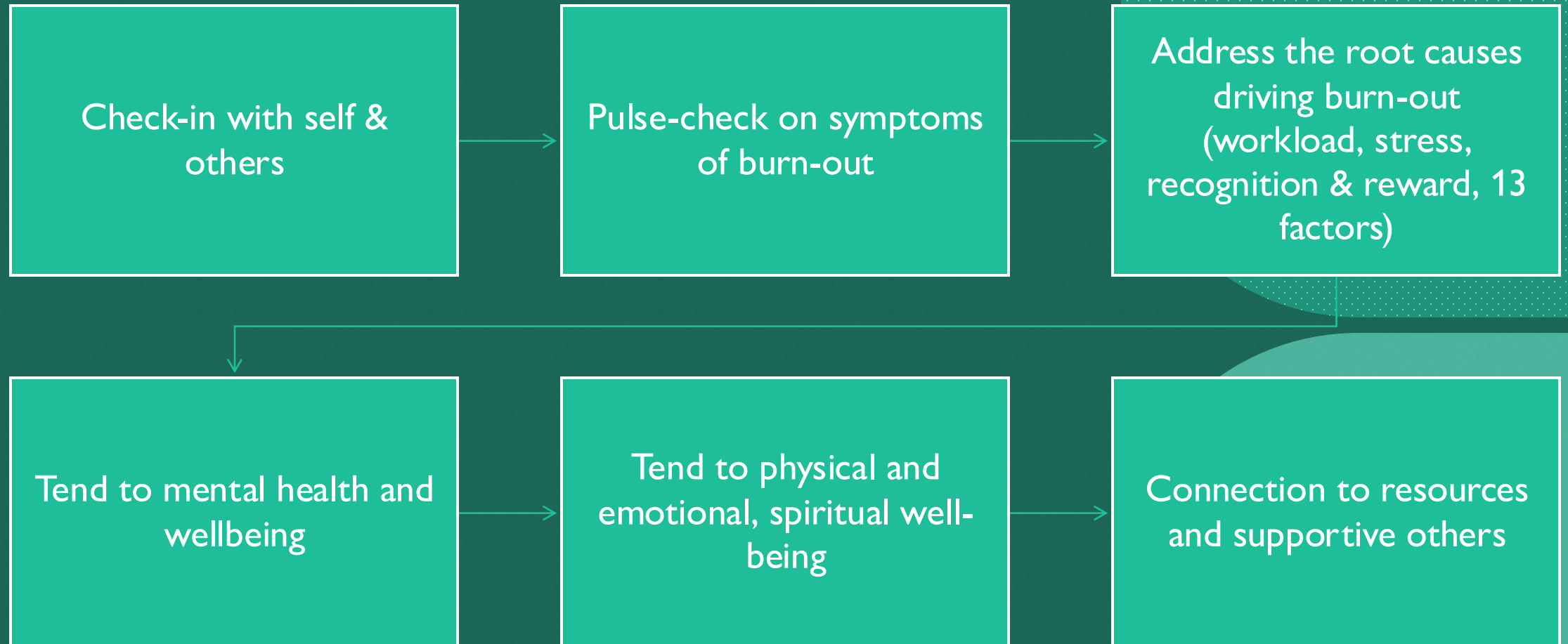
Burnout Assessment Tool →

This chapter presents a fresh view on burnout and its measurement based on a redefinition of burnout. More specifically, in this chapter, evidence is presented on the reliability and validity of the Burnout Assessment Tool (BAT) of which also a short version exists.

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Personal Action Plan



Dialogue & Discussion



Thank
You!

