

## [STATE] Selected as an Awardee for Phase 2 of DOL RETAIN Initiative

**CITY, STATE**—On [DATE], [STATE] was awarded \$XX for a four-year grant under Phase 2 of the Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN) Initiative. The award was issued by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy, in a joint partnership with the Employment and Training Administration, and the Social Security Administration.

[STATE] has developed an innovative stay-at-work/return-to-work program that coordinates health and employment services to help injured and ill workers remain in the workforce. [STATE]’s RETAIN program also strives to reduce unnecessary long-term work absences among program participants, including the need for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income.

Over the next four years, [STATE] will deliver RETAIN services through strategic partnerships, early intervention strategies, and innovative support services—which includes a six-month administrative start-up, 30 months for program implementation, and 12 months for close-out and final assessment activities.

[STATE RETAIN PROGRAM] can be contacted at [website] or [phone number]. For information on RETAIN, please visit [STATE ADD WEBSITE IF APPLICABLE] and <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/program-areas/employers/saw-rtw/about>

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