### Welcome!

Thanks for joining! We will get started in 3 minutes. While we wait, please share in the chat:

- 1. Your Name & Role
- 2. Your RETAIN state
- 3. What you hope to get out of today's collaborative session.
- 4. Your response to our icebreaker question....

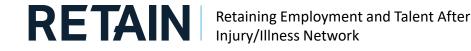
What's one **healthy** snack you can't get enough of AND one **unhealthy** snack you should cut back on?





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#### MINIMIZE NOISE

MAXIMIZE VISUAL DISPLAYS

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# Sustainability Workshop: Funding Stability

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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# Agenda



- Sustainability Resources: Brief Refresh
- Funding Stability Overview
  - What is Funding Stability?
  - Funding Stability Key Areas
- Funding Stability Collaborative Breakouts
- Helpful Reminders
- Closing

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# Sustainability Resource: Brief Refresher

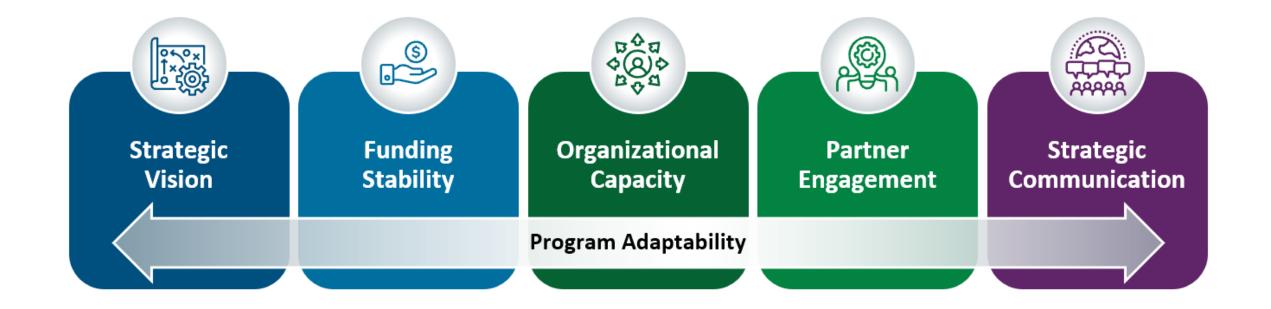
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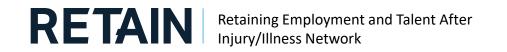






## **Key Considerations for Sustainability Planning**





# Funding Stability Overview

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# What is Funding Stability?

Funding Stability refers to a series of processes that involve understanding the cost and value of services to identify additional partners and funding opportunities:

- Evaluate which aspects of the program to sustain
- Assess the value of program resources
- Diversify funding sources
- Develop a funding plan





# **Funding Stability Key Areas**

# Program Impact Reflection

Consider innovations, strategies, and approaches that are central to the vision of your program and identify the resources needed to continue or expand them.

### Funding Source Mapping

Inventory potential sources of funding for grant sustainability including federal, state, & private sources.



#### Program Resource Inventory

Assess the value of program resources; pay special attention to the responsibility for fulfilling ongoing program resource needs to carry out the goals of the program.



### Funding Plan

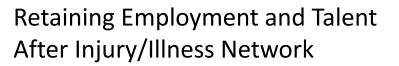
Establish a funding plan with short- and long-term funding goals to maintain key program components based on your shared vision for program stability.





**Collaborative Discussion** 

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## **Collaborative Discussion Questions**

# Program Impact Reflection

How might we continue or expand RETAIN's programmatic innovations?



#### Program Resource Inventory

How might we maintain program resources to ensure RETAIN's long-term success?



How might we identify optimal and diverse funding sources to support prioritized program structures and strategies?



#### Funding Plan

How might we adapt areas of RETAIN to accommodate new funding opportunities and minimize budget shortfalls?



## **Collaborative Discussion Instructions**



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- We will break into groups of 4 to discuss key areas of Funding Stability:
  - Group 1: Program Impact Reflection
  - Group 2: Program Resource Inventory
  - Group 3: Funding Source Mapping
  - Group 4: Funding Plan
- Each breakout has a guiding question.
- Take notes on anything helpful or insightful.
- Designate a speaker for your group for reportouts!

#### **20 Minute Discussions**

## Go!



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# Welcome Back! Let's Discuss Insights!

## **Program Impact Reflection**

How might we continue or expand **RETAIN's programmatic innovations?** 



#### **Program Resource Inventory**

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### **Funding Plan**

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# Helpful Reminders

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### New Sustainability Resources

To help adapt & sustain critical and effective program practices **beyond** the period of initial funding and implementation.

- August 21: Strategic Vision
- August 28: Funding Stability
- September 4: Organizational Capacity
- September 11: Partner Engagement
- September 18: Strategic Communication

Wednesdays 2pm ET | 1pm CT | 12pm MT | 11am PT

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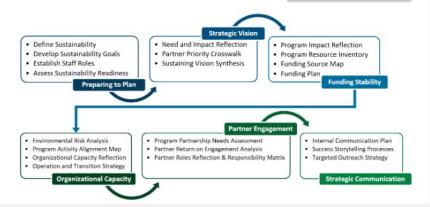
#### Sustainability Readiness Toolkit

#### A Roadmap for Sustainability Planning

Sustainability extends the impact of a specific program by supporting the continuation of critical and effective program practices beyond the period of initial funding and implementation. Like the approach used for the initial program design, a comprehensive approach to planning for sustainability is strategic, collaborative, and adaptable. This resource draws on sustainability frameworks and research identified in the *Beyond Implementation: Planning for Sustainability* brief and includes actionable tools to support a strategic and comprehensive approach to sustainability planning for RETAIN grantees. The tools are designed to be used to support initial sustainability planning activities or to enhance existing planning activities.

#### **About this Resource**

The Sustainability Readiness Toolkit was developed to accompany the Beyond Implementation: Planning for Sustainability brief and to support RETAIN states in the process of developing a vision and supporting strategies to sustain the ir stay-at-work/return-to-work (SAW/RTW) programs.



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# **RETAIN Online Community – The ROC**

- Sustainability resources are available on the RETAIN online community at https://retainta.org/
- States are encouraged to review the resources and use the self-assessment to identify planning priority areas.
- Connect with your respective TA Coach to address questions.





# Questions? Comments?



# Thank You!

