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The forum for wine industry HR professionals

Stats & Facts

- Mental Illness was an epidemic BEFORE covid with 1 in 5 Americans having reported mental illness (CDC). Now, 1/3 Americans have displayed signs of anxiety, depression or both (Pew).
- Calls to the federal disaster hotline increased more than 1000% in May 2020
- \$1 Trillion each year is lost in productivity due to mental illness (WHO)
- 1/3 of employees worry about retaliation or firing if they seek mental health care (Pew)
- Other comorbid conditions are a risk factor for mental health (WHO)



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- Loneliness is as deadly as smoking 25 cigarettes a day (Cigna, 2018)
- 2 in 5 Americans lack meaningful relationships
- Generation Z the loneliest generation (Cigna, 2018)
- During August & September, 1.1 million people over the age of 20 left the workforce. 800,000 were women, compared with 216,000 men in the same time period
- Wage gaps can increase the odds of women leaving the workforce as choices on who has the higher income may need to be made
- McKinsey & Co report: 40,000 women surveyed, 1 in 4 contemplating resigning for a less demanding job or better work life balance.

Benefits Budget Cut: What else can I do?

- 1. Benchmark your benefits...wine industry historically richer in benefits. Slight cuts not likely to make employees leave
- 2. Focus on holistic wellness...don't focus on cost savings, focus on belonging/community
- 3. Invest in mental health services. Can this be done locally? Group education, practices, free resources
- 4. Consider flexible schedules whenever possible...job sharing? Telecommuting?
- 5. Consider cross training employees and skill development...include employees in decision making (control over destiny)
- 6. Forced wellbeing days...close, no email, no phone



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- 7. Encourage PCP visits in 2021
- 8. Classes...financial wellbeing, cooking, yoga, life skills classes
- 9. Vacation donation policies
- 10. Travel gift cards/vouchers...help employees pay for a getaway
- 11. Help with childcare expenses or partner with childcare provider
- 12. Student loan repayment assistance or tuition reimbursement
- **Keep a distinction between COMP and BENEFITS. COMP may be equitable. Benefits may not.
- **Communicate & Accomodate

