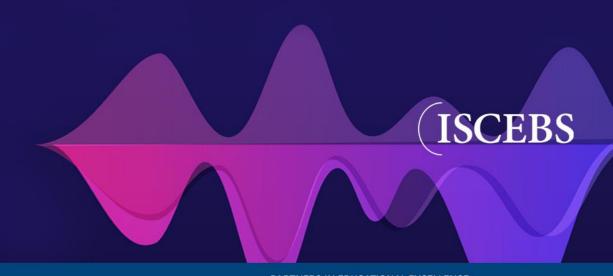
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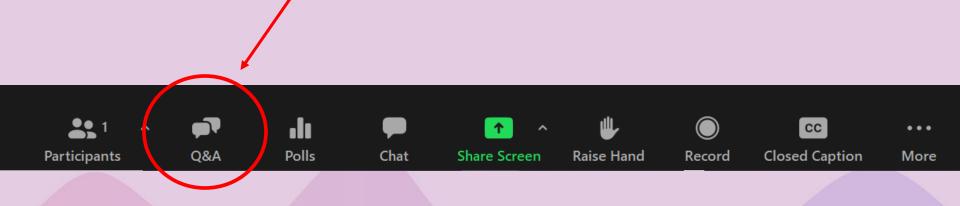
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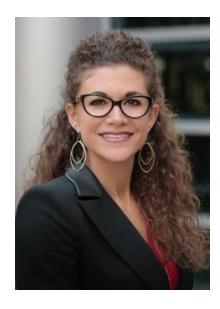
As a senior vice president at NFP Retirement, Jamie Hayes specializes in employer retirement plan fiduciary management and investment consulting. With over 20 years of experience in the retirement industry, Jamie works directly with retirement plan committees, providing consulting services, assisting with plan design and implementation, and offering proactive investment fiduciary support. Jamie helps organizations manage and document consistent and objective processes while mitigating the personal and corporate liabilities of the plan fiduciaries. Jamie also helps ensure that her clients' plans are aligned with their investment objectives and the best interests of their employees. She applies the latest scientific research and behavioral finance strategies to propose practical solutions for employers to implement, which are designed to help their employees achieve financial independence. Jamie is one of the first advisors in the country to earn the Certified Behavioral Finance Analyst (CBFA) designation and a lecturer for select, top advisors. She also holds the Qualified Plan Financial Consultant (QPFC), the Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF) and the C(k)P designations. Jamie graduated with high honors from the University of Michigan, where she majored in economics.



Retirement Plan Success



Professional Profile



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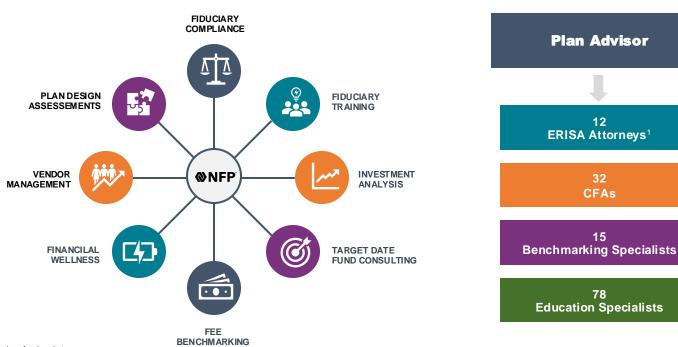
Jamie focuses on ensuring her clients' plans are well positioned for success. She uses the newest scientific research to implement practical strategies to improve outcomes for employees. Jamie combines powerful behavioral finance strategies with the maximization of fiduciary risk management to help promote retirement confidence for both employers and employees.

Jamie is the national leader of the NFP Financial Education program. Jamie designs holistic financial wellness solutions that help employees create confidence in their financial life.

After graduating with high honors from the University of Michigan where she majored in Economics, Jamie enjoys spending time with her husband Bobby and watching their two daughters excel in volleyball and cheerleading.

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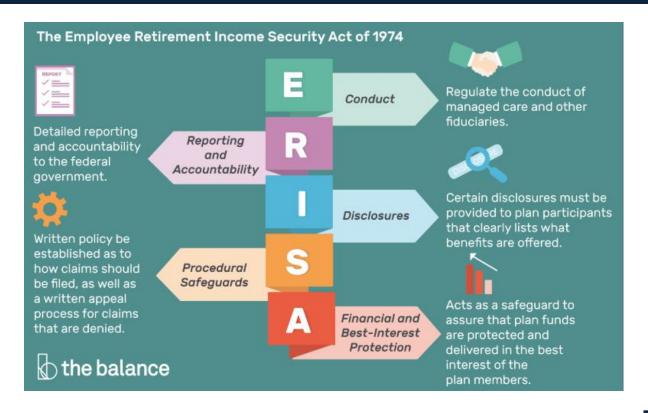


Agenda

- Overview of Fiduciary Responsibilities and Best Practices
- Financial Wellness What Employees Need Help With and How To Engage Them
 - Inside Committee Room (Board Room)
 - Outside Committee Room (Lunch Room)
- Compensation & Benefits for Top Talent in Today's World



Provisions Under ERISA



Prudent Processes



Understanding Fiduciaries

A fiduciary is a person or organization entrusted with managing another party's (your employee's) assets

Functional Definition – Discretion vs Administration

Retirement Plans:

- Selecting service providers and investments
- Negotiating fees
- Following terms of the plan document



Regulatory Bodies of Retirement and Health Plans

- The Department of Labor oversees employee benefits and ensures compliance.
- The IRS regulates tax implications of retirement plans.
- Plaintiff's attorneys play a crucial role in enforcing fiduciary duties.
- Departments of Insurance ensure that health plans meet state regulations.
- Department of Health and Human Services creating transparency
- The Treasury Department creating transparency



Retirement Plan Best Practices





Fiduciary Checklist – Retirement Plans

- Establish plan governance items to outline fiduciary processes and responsibilities
- Conduct a fee audit to determine the reasonableness of recordkeeping, investment, and total plan fees
- Establish criteria for selecting, monitoring, and replacing plan investment options
- Follow the DOL's risk suitability steps for selecting a Qualified Default Investment Alternative (QDIA)
- Establish appropriate oversight and workflows to ensure compliance with plan terms and DOL / IRS requirements
- Establish fiduciary reminders to distribute required participant notices and disclosures
- Provide fiduciary training for plan committee members

Prudent processes and documentation to support plan-related decisions and responsibilities.

Areas of Fiduciary Responsibility	Process	Impartial	Expert
Selecting and Monitoring Investments	٥		٠
QDIA / Target Date Fund Suitability & Selection			
Total Plan Expenses			
Investment Fees and Charges			٥
Recordkeeping and Administrative Fees			
Fiduciary Education and Training			
Compliance with Tax Codes – Annual Limits, Participation Rules, and Non-Discrimination Testing			
Compliance with Plan Terms & Definitions			
Internal Workflows and Controls			
Prohibited Transactions			
Required Plan Disclosures			
Required Participant Notices			





Fiduciary Checklist - Quarterly Calendar/Reminders



Fee Focus

- · Investment Review
- · Administrative Fee Review
- Investment Expense Analysis
- · Benchmarking and Trends
- Recordkeeper Negotiations

Investment Focus

- · Investment Review
- Investment Menu Review
- Asset Class Updates
- Trends and Best Practics
- Stable Value/Fixed Account Review
- QDIA Analysis

Participant Focus

- · Investment Review
- · Recordkeeper Services Update
- Plan Demographic Review
- Education and Advice Review¹
- Plan Design Benchmarking

Practice and Policy Focus

- · Investment Review
- · Regulatory and Legislative Update
- Committee Best Practices
- Investment Policy Statement Review



Best in Class Service Plan

Investments	Annual to Quarterly
Investment share classes/ CITs	Annual
Fees against averages	Annual
Review governance documents	Annual
Fees against live bids	Every 3 Years
TDF suitability	Every 3 Years

Fiduciaries must receive required fee disclosures

Fiduciaries must determine if compensation is reasonable

Fees and Expenses

Retirement Plan Cost Components



Benchmarking Example – Quantifying Indirect Revenue

Manufacturing Company

1,003 Participants

\$41,770,241 in Plan Assets

Process

- Identify direct and indirect revenue sources
- · Quantify data and compare

Objectives

- Understand where and how provider receives compensation
- Determine if overall plan fees are reasonable





Benchmarking Approaches

Fee Averages

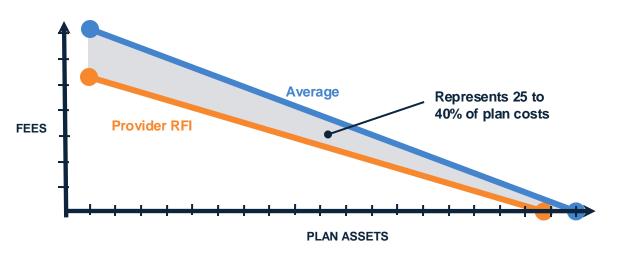
Derived from plan averages based on:

- Similar plan designs
- Similar plan features
- Similar plan demographics

Provider Request for Information (RFIs)

Derived from **provider bids** based on:

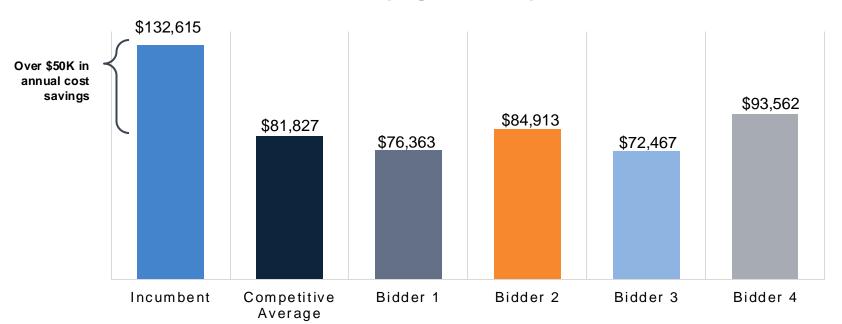
- Your plan design
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Example - Quantifying Indirect Revenue

Recordkeeping Cost Comparisons





Example – Quantifying Indirect Revenue

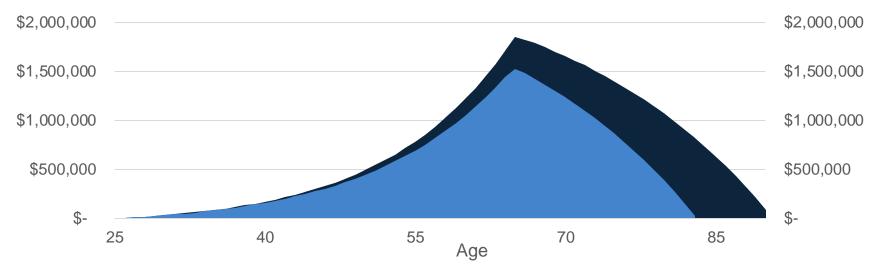
Isolate and Quantify "Indirect / Hidden" Subsidies

Share Class	Year-to-Date Return	1-Year Return	3-Year Annualized Return	5-Year Annualized Return	Expense Ratio	Revenue Sharing
R3	19.79%	19.79%	7.05%	13.17%	1.14%	0.65%
R4	20.17%	20.17%	7.37%	13.50%	0.85%	0.35%
R6	20.58%	20.58%	7.74%	13.85%	0.50%	0.00%





Impact of Share Class Savings



Scenario Assumptions

	LCG Category Average	NFP LCG CIT	Difference
Expense Ratio ²	1.00%	0.29%	-0.71%
Net Returns Before 65	7.00%	7.71%	0.71%
Account Balance at 65	\$1,566,536	\$1,857,738	\$291,202





Areas of IRS Audit Focus

Participation

Compliance with Plan Terms & Definitions

Internal Workflows and Controls

Compliance with Tax Codes

Non-Discrimination Testing



Areas of DOL Audit Focus

Prohibited Transactions

Reasonableness of Service Provider Contracts Required Plan Disclosures

Selecting and Monitoring Investments

Reasonableness of Plan Fees

QDIA / TDF Suitability & Selection

Required Participant Notices



Pre-Audit Strategies to Minimize Risks

- Confirm ERISA standards are being met
- Confirm prudent processes are in place
- Confirm documentation is being stored
- Consider hiring experts
 - Investment fiduciary 3(21) or 3(38)

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Creating Retirement-Ready Employees



Behavioral Finance

The powerful combination of Psychology and money.



Financial Wellness

A service to help promote employee's financial well-being which will lead to healthier, happier, engaged more productive employees.

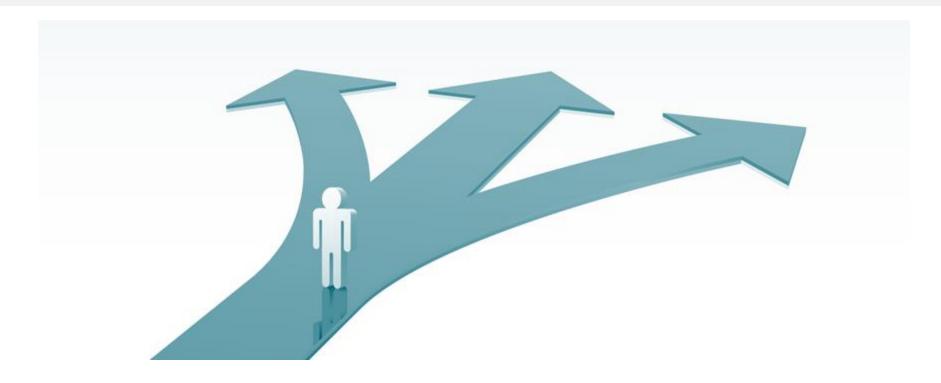


What is behavioral finance?



- Behavioral finance studies how mental shortcuts, emotions and other behavioral factors affect the way we make financial decisions.
- Behavioral finance is a relatively new yet evolving science combining psychology and money.

How did we get here?





Our Goal

To Make a Better Retirement Plan

- At least 90% should be saving for retirement
- Saving rates ought to be more than 10%
- 90% should let professionals construct their portfolios
- Call it the **90–10–90** rule or simply Plan Success Goals!



Inertia



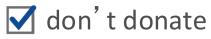
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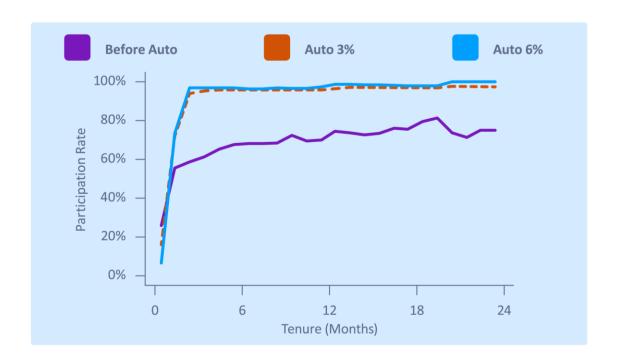
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SAVE: Automatic Enrollment & Plan Participation





Loss aversion



Measurable and Sustainable Goals



Behavioral Finance solutions help you improve outcomes for employees



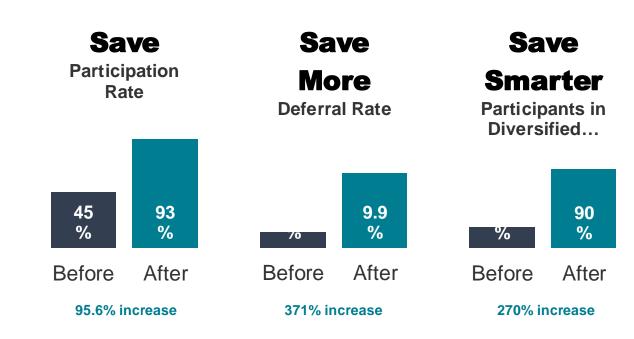


Creating Retirement Read Employees

Save, Save More, Save Smarter



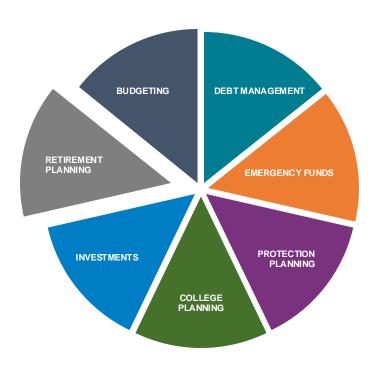
Behavioral Finance solutions help you improve outcomes for employees







Financial Wellness Programs



Address near-term financial challenges so employees can make better long-term financial decisions



Americans that live paycheck to paycheck1



Americans that can't cover a \$1,000 **emergency** without borrowing money³



Americans that are not getting financial advice²

^{1. 2017,} CareerBuilder, Living paycheck to Paycheck is a Way of Life for a Majority of U.S. Workers 2. 2017, Mercer, Inside Employee's Minds : Volume 2

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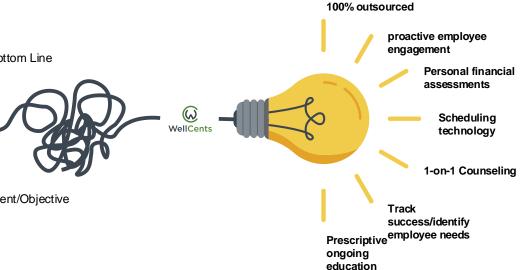
Current State vs Alternative

Employee Financial Stress

- Distracts employees
- · Negatively impacts Productivity and Bottom Line

Existing Programs

- Self-Service
- Reactive
- Low Utilization
- · Retirement Plan Centric
- · Some Service Providers Not Independent/Objective
- · HR does NOT have the time to run it
- Doesn't Move the Needle



High Utilization

Increased Employee Retention

Benefits Optimization



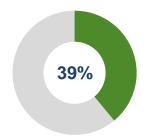
Initial Outreach Case Studies

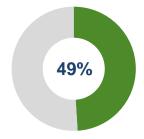














Cohesive Delivery Model



Custom Campaigns to Drive Engagement









Promotion and Engagement

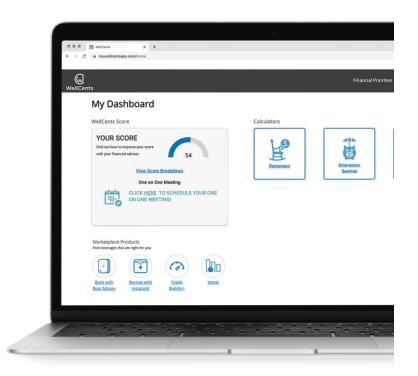


- Proactive employee outreach efforts with contests and prizes encourage employees to participate.
- · Customized emails
- Text messaging
- · Social media outreach
- Contests and prizes
- Flyers
- · Posters with QR codes
- Postcards
- Custom designed Microsite and App



Assessment Scores and Priorities

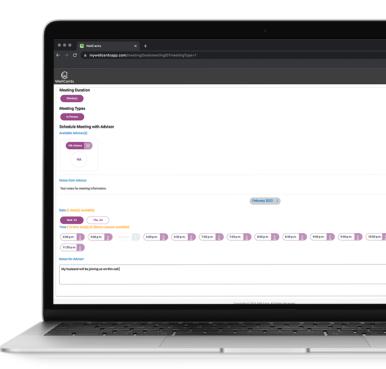
- Individual score and specific areas of interest form the basis for one-on-one meeting agendas
- Drives efficient, individualized and productive interactions
- Provides the framework for developing personal financial plans for each employee





Scheduling One-on-One Sessions

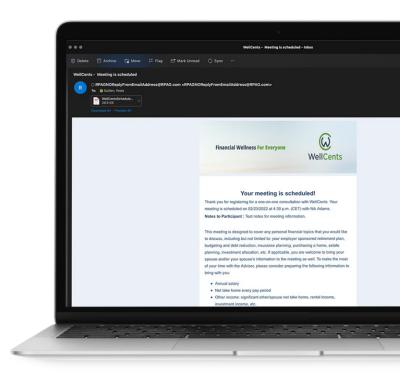
- Employees select an available time slot via our scheduling calendar.
- · One-on-one sessions can be scheduled for
 - In-person meetings
 - Virtual meetings





Meeting Confirmation, Instructions and Reminders

- Employees receive the following items after a one-on-one session is scheduled
- Calendar invitation
- Confirmation email
- Link to cancel or reschedule meetings
- Meeting prep instructions and items to bring
- Virtual meeting link or address of the meeting location
- Automated reminders sent as meeting date approaches





Financial Planning Topic Details

Financial professionals provide the knowledge to meet your employees where they need it most

PERSONAL FINANCE

- Managing Spending
- Creating a Budget
- Reducing Debt
- Emergency Savings
- Time Value of Money

RETIRING WELL

- Longevity
- Fixed Expenses
- Variable Expenses
- · Social Security and Medicare
- Retirement Income Solutions

RETIREMENT PLANNING

- Retirement Income Basics
- Social Security Basics
- Retirement Income Needs
- Retirement Savings Goals
- Distribution Planning

INVESTMENT PLANNING

- Setting Investment Goals
- Identifying Time Horizons
- Understanding Risks
- Identifying Risk Tolerance
- Benefits of Diversification

PROTECTION PLANNING

- Risk Management Basics
- Health Insurance
- Disability Income Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Property and Casualty Insurance

ESTATE PLANNING

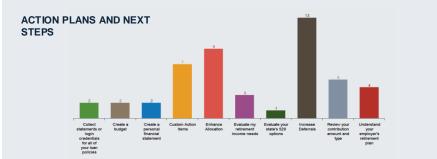
- Estate Planning Basics
- Probate
- Wills and Trusts
- Gifting
- Advance Directives



Employer Financial Wellness Reporting







- Provides valuable insights into a workforce's challenges and measures areas of improvement
- Workforce's financial challenges summary
- Workforce financial improvements summary
- Behavioral action planning progress
- Accountability report
- Employee survey results



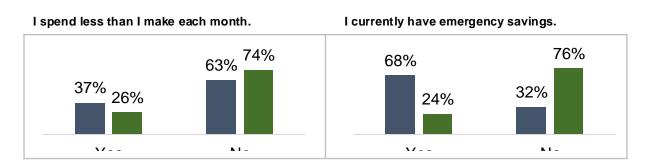
Financial Priorities

PAY DOWN/PAY OFF DEBT RETIREMENT INCOME PLANNING **ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY FUND** 183 143 135 HELP WITH BUDGETING **BUYING/REFINANCE A HOME** SAVE FOR A LARGE PURCHASE 118 112 SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE PLANNING PROPERLY MANAGE MY INVESTMENTS **OPTIMIZE TAX EFFICIENT SAVINGS** 36 22 **COLLEGE SAVINGS EVALUATE MY INSURANCE NEEDS ESTATE PLANNING**

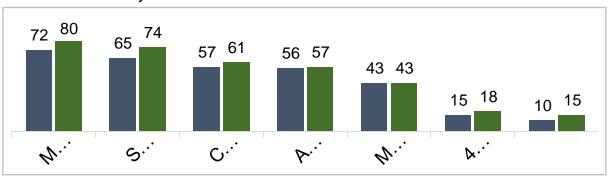


Personal Finance Trends



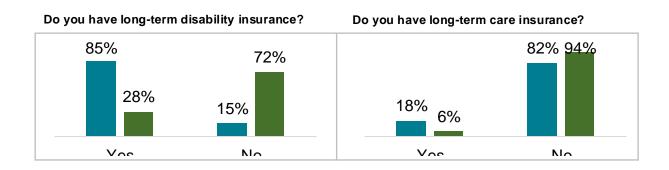


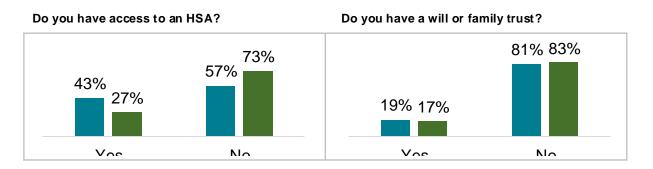
What kind of debt do you have?



Protection Planning Trends









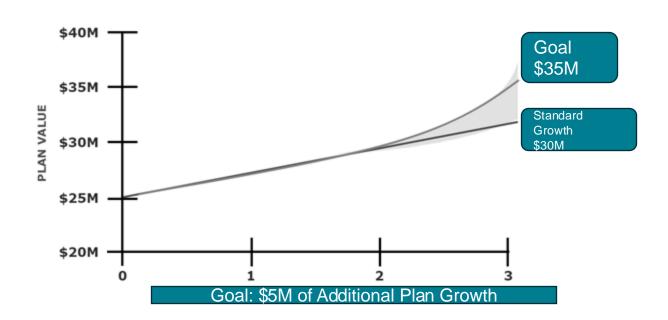
Why Effective Communications Matter

Communication impacts employee's satisfaction more than the benefits offered. Employees feel valued or appreciated because employer's **70**% 84% benefits communications are Rich **Effective** easy to understand **EMPLOYEE Benefits** Communication **SATISFACTION** Employees wish they were more 76% **55%** Not-So-Rich **Effective** informed about their benefits to **EMPLOYEE Benefits** Communications get more value from them **SATISFACTION** 26% Americans spend more than 3 Rich Ineffective 40% **EMPLOYEE** Communications hours a week dealing with **Benefits SATISFACTION** personal finance issues



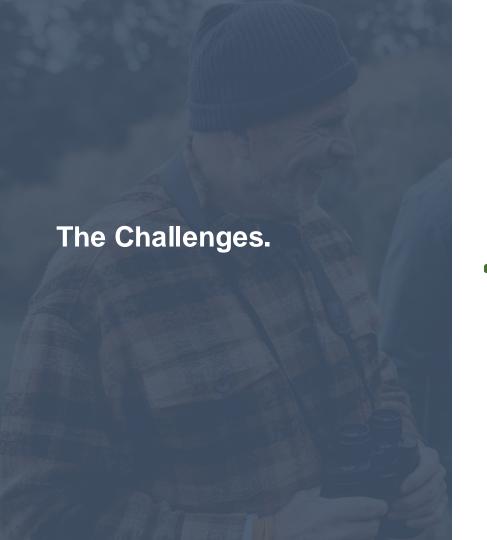
The Financial Wellness Difference

Powerful Combination of Fiduciary Process, Plan Design and Financial Wellness











The Cost of Delayed Retirement



The Cost of Replacing Key Employees



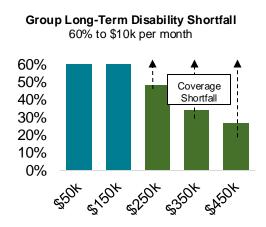
Group Benefit Shortfalls

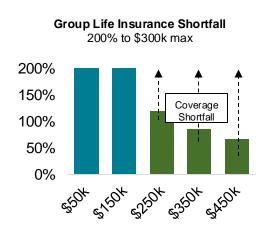


Benefit Equalization & Restoration

Addressing the unintended shortfalls of group benefit & retirement programs

Whether by plan design, or by way of regulatory limitations, group benefit plans can cause unintended reverse discrimination against highly compensated employees. The regulatory limits on qualified retirement plans, and plan design caps on group disability and life insurance programs create shortfalls that decrease the effectiveness of these valuable programs.









Recruiting, Rewarding & Retaining

Build programs to creatively attract and retain top level talent.

In any employment environment, the direct costs to replace a highly compensated executive is estimated to be 200% of the annual salary associated with that position. If indirect expenses are considered, the total cost can increase to 400%. Considering the competitiveness of the upper end of employment market, attracting and retaining key employees is of Sources Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) & Center for American utimost importance.

ROE : Return On Employee Investment How to Achieve It and How to Benefit From It; Sage HRMS White Paper

US CEOs		Y	CEOs GLOBALL
1	Attract and retain talent		Attract and retain talent
2	Modify business model	2	Accelerate pace of digital transformation
3	Develop "Next Gen" leaders	3	Improve cash flow
4	Improve cash flow	4	Develop "Next Gen" leaders
5	Prepare for financial instability	5	Modify business model
5	Employ mergers, acquisitions, divestitures	6	Streamline processes
7	Streamline processes	7	Focus more on sustainability
8	Accelerate pace of digital transformation	8	Become more customer-centric
9	Mitigate cyber risk	9	Lower costs
10	Become more customer-centric	10	Prepare for financial instability

Note: 917 CEOs responded globally.

Source: The Conference Board® C-Suite Outlook 2022

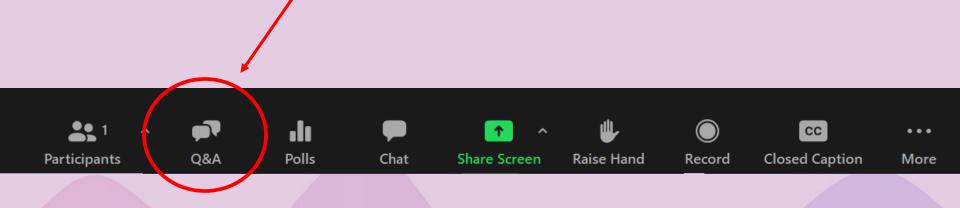




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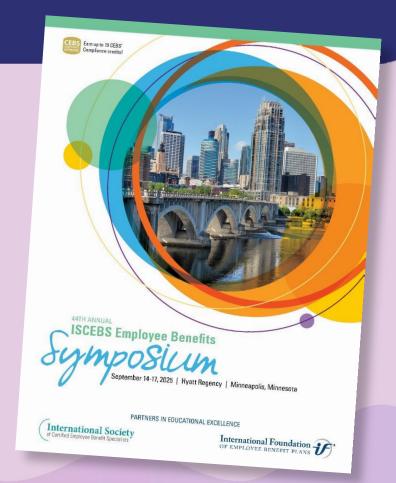
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