# RETURN TO WORK PROGRAMS FOR TRAUMA-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

#### **OVERVIEW**

- Work helps shape our sense of identity, relationships & financial stability
- Workers like military members and public safety personnel (PSP) face higher work disruption risks from work-related trauma exposure
- Returning PSP back to work is vital for PSP & our communities

### Environmental scan identified return to work (RTW) programs:

RTW programs were found that could assist people with trauma-related mental health conditions



Of the 35
programs were
dedicated to
PSP, military
personnel, and
veterans

## 18 RTW programs had a team of professionals including:



**Psychologists** 



Occupational Therapists



Nurses

#### **Next Steps**

- Future research should evaluate existing RTW programs to measure their effectiveness
- Tailor RTW programs to address specific challenges of PSP, military personnel, and veterans
- Collaboration amongst therapist to deliver RTW programs





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