



A Positive Leader's Impact The Hidden Skill of Humor in the Workplace

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Humor is a funny thing! As you know, it has a powerful impact on workplace culture. This session will provide the current research on humor as an effective, mindful strategy for creating positive relationships and effective results at work. Effective leaders focus on their humor practice to increase productivity, reduce employee stress and foster effective communication. Participants will engage in thoughtful discussions on ways that skillful humor-focused leadership can have a positive impact in the workplace. The psychology and physiology of humor will be examined along with effective interventions for mental and physical health.

Side effects may include incontinence, bellyaches and exhaustion from constant laughter. **Warning:** This tonic is highly contagious. If your laughter lasts for longer than 4 hours, share it with your health care provider. Do not miss this opportunity to see if humor and laughter are right for you!

Competencies/ Objectives

- Participants will be able to identify the research-based benefits of incorporating laughter and humor in the workplace.
- Participants will be able to recognize the benefits of laughter as a therapeutic intervention for depression and anxiety.
- Participants will be able to describe negative and inappropriate humor and the resulting impact on relationships in the workplace.
- Participants will identify strategies to reduce stress and to support the cultural health of the organization.
- Participants will discuss the significance of play and generate effective strategies for teambuilding in the workplace.

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