OCTOBER 2025 **CHAMPION** CHECK-IN NEWSLETTER

"Your Monthly Recap"



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WELCOME & OVERVIEW



Welcome, Champions!

Thank you for your contributions to creating healthier workplaces! This Champion Check-In newsletter is a summary of what we covered in our meeting for October.

WebMD Update – Reporting

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XXX Tour de Minnesota

Our highest completion rate this year — way to go!

Status Level Achievements

One employee has reached the top: Star of the North!

Top Portal Activities

 Tracking 10K Steps/Day for 20 Days and Completing a Coaching Session led the pack.

Daily Habits Spotlight

 Most popular: Enjoy Exercise & Lose Weight - Healthy habits are clearly catching on!

Looking Ahead – 2025 Metrics

 We're tracking growth in Platform Registrations, Health Assessments, and Coaching Engagements.



WebMD Update - November Program Planning

WebMD Updates

Presented by: Hailey Peckat, Senior Well-being Coordinator



• Encourage employees to connect with their health plan for available cessation programs and resources.



- Starting the week of October 20
- First session topic: Weight Management
- Our first-ever group session—let's make it a success!

Holiday Health Challenge Coming Soon

 A brand-new statewide well-being challenge is on the horizon! Champions—keep an eye out for your toolkit to help spread the word.







Wednesday Work Life Webinars

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Since our last Champion meeting on September 9, employees across Minnesota tuned in and took away powerful lessons from these sessions:

Sept 10: Promoting Well-being: Understanding & Preventing Suicide

For the Workplace Sept 17: Neurodiversity in the Workplace

Sept 24: Assertive Communication

Oct 1: Take a Fresh Look at Your Benefits: Life & Wellbeing Program Overview

Oct 8: Dealing with Triggers

Champions: Keep promoting these sessions—your encouragement helps employees grow, learn, and build resilience every week!



Wednesday Work Life Webinars - October

Wednesday Work Life Webinars - September

 Take a Fresh Look at Your Benefits: Life and Wellbeing Program Overview

Your benefits, your well-being—discover free resources that make a real difference.

Dealing with Triggers

From brain science to behavior tools—discover how to recognize and resolve emotional triggers.

Depression in the Workplace

Understand depression's impact and how to help employees navigate it effectively.

Connect, grow, and build authentic relationships with simple, impactful strategies.



Omada November Campaign

Omada October Campaign

November Resources to Share (one month in advance):

For November, we're supporting Diabetes Awareness Month and helping employees make small changes today for a healthier tomorrow!

Our Omada campaign includes:

♠ Copy Blurbs: Perfect for short spaces—use in employee emails, newsletters, or social media.

- Flier: Share or link in newsletters, emails, or on your intranet.
- Banner Ad: Add a visual boost to newsletters or intranet pages!

Champions: Your voice helps amplify this message—spread the word and inspire those healthy habits!



LifeMatters Resources

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October Featured Resources to Share with Your Teams

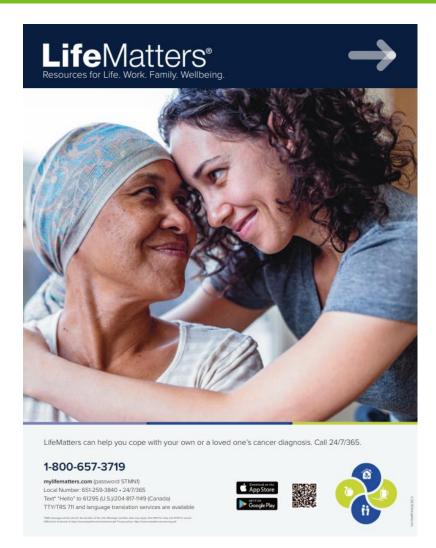
We spotlighted some great **LifeMatters EAP resources** this month to help employees care for themselves and others:

Supporting a Friend with a Mental Health Issue – Learn how to show up for those who need it most.

Cancer Awareness Resources – "Know the signs" with the **Cancer Warning Signs** article and **Coping with Cancer** poster.

Sleep: A How-To Webinar — This October session dives into practical ways to rest better and recharge.

Encourage employees to explore and share these LifeMatters tools—it's all about supporting wellbeing from every angle!



SWC Microsoft Teams Channel

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Big news, Champions! 🎉



Senior Well-being Coordinator Hailey Peckat announced that we now have a new Microsoft Teams Channel just for State of Well-being Champions!

It's your **central hub** for:

- Conversations Connect with fellow champions across the state.
- Collaboration Share ideas, wins, and wellness initiatives.
- File Sharing Access toolkits, meeting recaps, and resources all in one easy-to-find spot.

Think of it as our virtual clubhouse—a place to inspire, collaborate, and champion well-being together!



LifeMatters Counseling – Scheduling Option

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Great news! 🎉



We shared during our meeting that employees can now schedule LifeMatters counseling sessions online — it's quick, easy, and completely confidential.

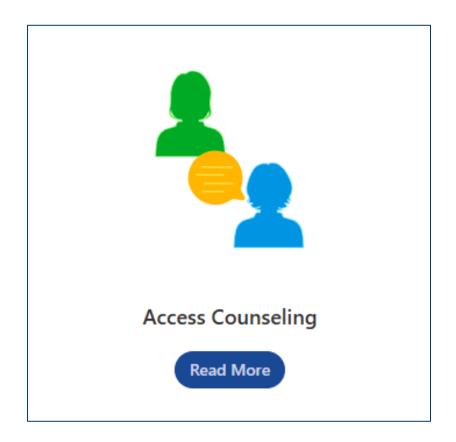
Employees can:

Wiew available days and times that fit their schedule

Book sessions online without having to call

Access support faster when they need it most

It's another step toward making mental health care more accessible and convenient for everyone.



Life and Well-being Annual Calendar

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During our meeting, we previewed the 2026 Life and Wellbeing Annual Calendar — your roadmap for next year's success!

The calendar features:

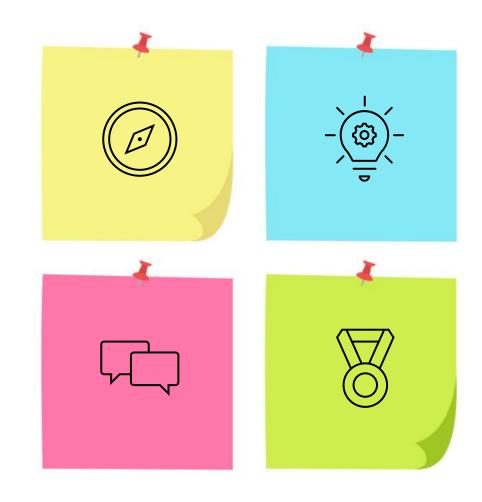
© Quarterly Focuses that align with our statewide wellbeing strategy

Monthly Topics to keep content fresh and relevant

Group Health Coaching Schedule so you can plan engagement early

Statewide Challenges and key dates to spark participation

This all-in-one guide helps champions stay organized, proactive, and ready to inspire wellbeing all year long!



WebMD Portal Overview

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Presented by Senior Well-being Coordinator, Hailey Peckat

For New Champions:

- Learn where to find tools, resources, and wellness programs
- Explore challenges, coaching, and tracking features

For Returning Champions:

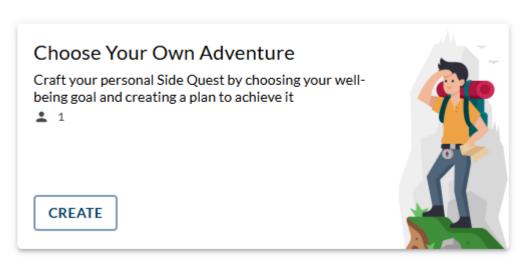
- Quick refresher on portal updates and engagement tools
- Tips for guiding coworkers to their next well-being step

Key Takeaways:

- The WebMD Portal = your hub for all things well-being
- Champions play a vital role in sharing and inspiring use
- Visit WebMD

Side Quests

Side Quests put you in control and is a fun way to make progress on your health



Agency/Location Reporting - Revenue

Minnesota Department of Revenue

Presented by *Champion Diana*

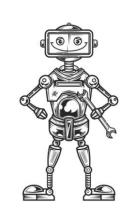
What's Happening:

- Cottober recap: Hosted a speaker on the benefits of volunteering and their annual Knowledge Bowl for Combined Charities
- Coming soon: Planning a December event on using Al in personal life — a creative, future-focused topic!

Champion Highlight:

Diana's team continues to find new ways to spark engagement, learning, and connection across their workplace.









Agency/Location Reporting – MDE & MDE

Minnesota Department of Education & Revenue

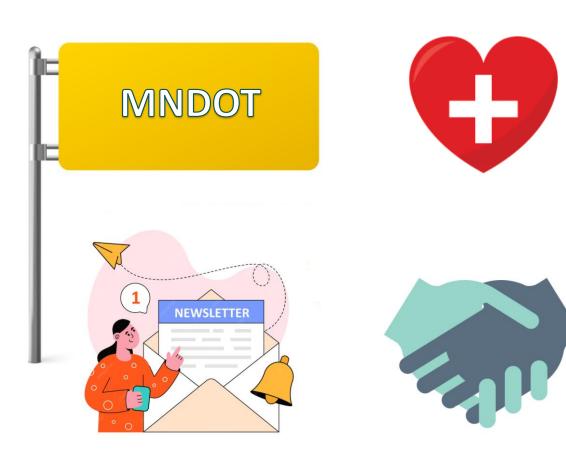
Champion Updates:

Amy (MNDOT): Her team is rolling out their own monthly wellness newsletter and planning more wellbeing classes for MNDOT employees.

Megan (MDE): Partnering with MAPE Local to host a December blood drive — a great way to give back this holiday season!

Champion Highlight:

Amy and Megan are building momentum in their workplaces—informing, engaging, and inspiring action through wellness and service.



Wellbeing Tip

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Prioritize Mental Health Daily

Mental health is part of your overall well-being. Encourage employees to take small, consistent steps to support their mental health:

- Take 5-minute breaks to breathe or stretch
- Listen to calming music during transitions
- Use <u>EAP resources</u> for stress or emotional support
- Practice gratitude—write down one thing you're thankful for each day

Reminder: Mental health care isn't just for when things go wrong—it's for staying well.



Advocate Tip

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Be the Voice of Support

As a State of Well-being champion, you can help shift workplace culture by:

- Modeling openness—share how you manage stress
- Encouraging peer support and check-ins
- Promoting mental health resources in meetings and newsletters
- Hosting a "Mental Health Moment" during team huddles

Your advocacy helps others feel safe to speak up.



Leadership Tip

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Lead with Empathy

Encourage leaders to foster environments where mental health is respected:

- Check in with teams regularly—ask how they're doing, not just what they're doing
- Offer flexibility when possible (remote work, mental health days)
- Share EAP and wellness resources proactively
- Recognize emotional labor and burnout signs

Leadership sets the tone—when leaders care, culture shifts.



Meeting Recording Link

October '25 State of Well-being Champion Meeting Recording



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WebMD Updates	9:34
Wednesday Work Life Webinars	19:15
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Champion Spotlight & Reporting	54:00
Wrap-Up	56:00

Champion Concierge

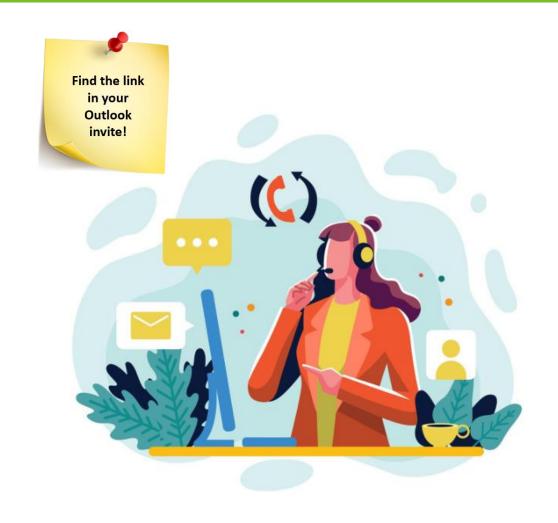
Champion Concierge: Request Support or Share Ideas

As a standing reminder: our **Champion Concierge** is always open!

- Use the simple Microsoft Form anytime to:
 - Submit questions, concerns, or ideas when they pop up
 - Choose the follow-up style that works best for you—one-onone chat, team conversation, or a written response
 - Get personalized support without the pressure of squeezing into a live Teams meeting

This format keeps things flexible and respects your time—especially for those who prefer writing over talking.

Don't forget: You'll always find the link to the Champion Concierge form in your monthly Champion Meeting invite (check Outlook!).



QUESTIONS?



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