



Florida Summit on Preventing Needless Work Disability – June 1 & 2, 2008

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We the members of the Florida Stay at Work Consortium have come together to focus our energies on creating an event in Florida that will encourage fresh thinking and establish an improved disability benefits and workers' compensation system. In doing so we will:

- Promote the adoption of a new paradigm for disability benefits and workers' compensation systems embodied in the American College of Occupational & Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) whitepaper entitled "Preventing Needless Work Disability by Helping People Stay Employed".
- Create a dynamic interdisciplinary group of volunteers committed to spreading this new work disability prevention paradigm throughout Florida.
- Plan and produce a Summit / Workshop for employers, healthcare providers, claims/benefit administrators and employees that forges an understanding and acceptance of ACOEM's recommendations as a tool for positive change in the Florida workplace.
- Encourage all stakeholders to identify ways they can put ACOEM's recommendations into everyday use.
- Share the outcomes of the initial Summit through a comprehensive ongoing awareness program that can lead to positive changes in organizations across the whole state.

Mission Statement

To promote the adoption of a new work disability prevention paradigm in Florida that will improve service and outcomes of the disability and workers' compensation systems by reducing needless work disability and focusing on helping people stay at work.

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