“Rebuilding A Workplace After COVID-19”

9/11 and Hurricane Katrina taught us that in times of trauma, substance non-users often become users and previous users consume more.

What did Centers for Disease Control researchers learn?

- Mass Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is a real consequence.
- Substance abuse is significantly increased.
- Hospitalizations for substance use increases.
- And most troubling, although PTSD largely subsided in a short period of time, substance abuse remained elevated.

- Human Suffering and Substance Abuse go hand-in-hand

LOOK AT THE MATH. Why is 70% a number you want to remember?

21M: Americans have SUD (Substance Abuse Disorder; Surgeon General)
70%: Percentage of drug users in labor force (NSC)
164M: People in labor force before COVID (Dept. of Labor)

If we do the math, what do we find?

Risk.

70% X 21M = 14.7M drug users in the labor force

Sadly, the chances are good that at least some of our co-workers will return with a new or heightened dependence on chemical relief. And being ready for that reality will be our collective post COVID-19 challenge.

The WorkCenter is here to help with your Fit for Work exams and Drug & Alcohol testing to help you reduce your Risk.

*CDC 2016 Report on post-Katrina substance abuse