# What works best for promoting officer wellness

**500** Participants (police investigators & forensic examiners)

**NIJ** Funded Study





## **Work Conditions**

50% reported that having a flexible schedule, different facilities within the agency like video games, a gym, cable TV access, a large kitchen to gather together and eat; time to decompress; a varied workload; being able to take a vacation when needed



#### **Mental Health Services**

35% reported that mandatory mental health services is one of the most successful strategies to mitigate the impact of CSAM investigations



## **Peer Support**

23% discussed the importance of relationships among staff within the unit contributing to the wellness of each individual



#### **Venting Without Stigma**

22% referred to the ability and legitimacy to talk about difficulties, personal life, and things that are deemed confidential as a beneficial strateav.



#### Other Insight Provided

76.6% Having an Employee Assistance Program 64.1% Chaplains 63.6% An onsite gym 53.6% Outdoor grounds for walking, running or sitting to eat 46.9% Peer counselors

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