

## Effective Employee Engagement in Your Retirement Plan



## About WFG

#### HOW WE HELP YOU PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN

Combining our expertise in retirement services with your specific objectives, we strive to help you design a workplace retirement program that meets your business needs and helps your employees to pursue their retirement goals.



#### EXPERIENCE COUNTS



Accredited Investment Fiduciary\*







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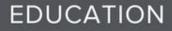
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RECOGNITION

INVOLVEMENT

## Agenda

- Employee Engagement
- Retirement Plans 2.0
- The Retirement Plan Committee
- Choice Architecture
- Channels of Communication
- Financial Wellness
- Conclusion







## Employee Engagement



Washington Financial Group FIDUCIARY INVESTMENT REVIEW

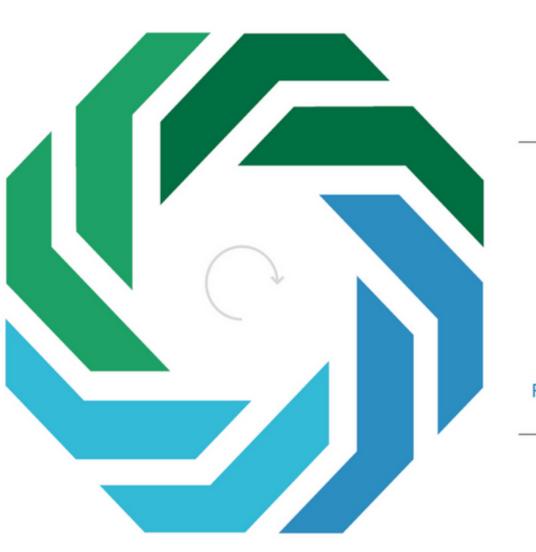
appropriate investment opportunities

Investment Due Diligence

HIGH-TOUCH EDUCATION

preparing employees

Employee Engagement



#### PROVIDER ANALYSIS

best-match service providers

RFP Vendor Analysis & Benchmarking

#### FIDUCIARY PLAN GUIDANCE

fiduciary risk management

Fiduciary Fitness Program

#### BEST PRACTICES APPROACH



## Retirement Plans 2.0



## Challenges

- Concerns about Social Security
- Fewer covered by traditional pension plans
- Longer life expectancy
- Insufficient savings
- Poor investment decisions
- Savings not sufficient to sustain



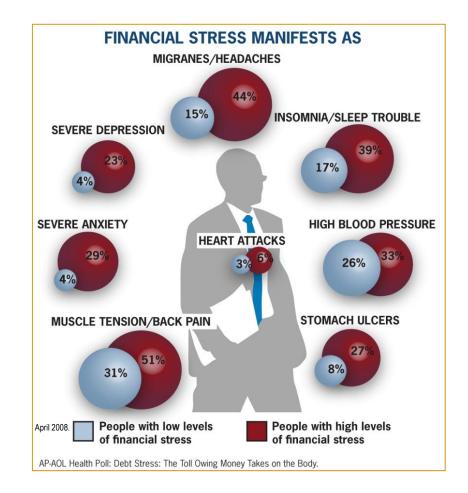
#### FINANCIALLY STRESSED EMPLOYEES

#### **Employees Stress About Money**

- Financial stress is the #1 cause of stress-related illnesses<sup>1</sup>
- 24% higher healthcare costs in people who are stressed about finances<sup>2</sup>

#### **Impact to Your Business**

 Recurring financial education helps reduce stress and healthcare costs among employees in a recent study<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Research Works: Partnership for Workplace Mental Health report. Feb 2009.

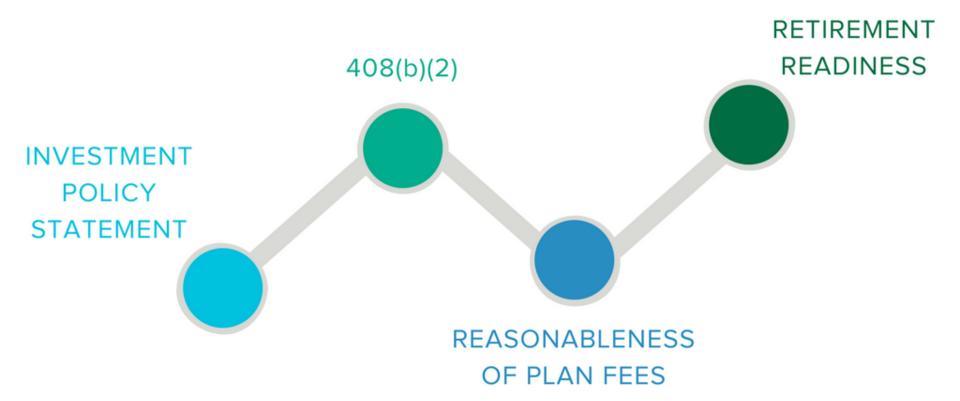
## **Retirement Readiness**

- Employer benefit costs can by reduced
- Less worry = more productive employees
- Reduced plan costs = saving more
- Improve company value
- Increase internal competitiveness
- Realize efficiencies













## The Retirement Plan Committee

Washington Financial Group



## Act in the best interest of participants



## Act with care, skill, prudence and diligence

ERISA FIDUCIARY DUTIES

## Questions

• What can an employer do to help participants prepare for retirement?

Participant questions:

- Will I have sufficient money for retirement?
- Will my savings last through retirement?
- What if something goes wrong?







## **Choice Architecture**



## **Choice Architecture**

- Participation
- Contribution
- Poor investment decisions
- Match optimization







DRIVING OUTCOMES AT TWO LEVELS

	Design easy choices to address inertia	Manage losses to address loss aversion	Provide behavioral time machines to address myopia
Save (enroli)	Auto enrollment	Optimize employer match	The face tool
Save More (adequate savings rate)	Pre-plan savings increases	Get raise and save	Visualize retirement
Save Smarter (wise investment decisions)	Target Date Funds	Lifetime statements	Projected retirement income

#### **BUILD BETTER OUTCOMES**







BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION REMINDER (DIRECT MAIL & ELECTRONIC DELIVERY)	January	WFG EMPLOYEE WEBINAR	May 22
WFG EMPLOYEE WEBINAR	January 15	"DID YOU KNOW?" ROTH AND 1% CHALLENGE (DIRECT MAIL)	Quarter III
"SWITCH ON YOUR 401(K)" MAILER	February/Quarter I	EMPLOYEE ENROLLMENT MEETING	Quarter IV
LIFETIME INCOME ANALYSIS WEBINAR AND DIRECT MAIL	April	ENCOURAGE INCREASED SALARY DEFERRAL	November
LIFETIME INCOME ANALYSIS WEBINAR	Мау	BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION REMINDER (DIRECT MAIL)	December

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#### EDUCATION CALENDAR

## **Channels of Communication**

- Email
- Webinar
- Group meetings
- One-on one meetings
- Vendor plan web site
- MOBILE, MOBILE, MOBILE







#### PUSH vs PULL MESSAGING

#### Retirement Wellness Score 🕕

You can get beyond a yellow score with some quick changes. Try using the **Retirement Wellness Planner** to get to green!

Retirement Wellness Score represents an estimate of the percentage of your pre-retirement income available once you retire. Studies suggest achieving a score of at least 70-85 to be on track for retirement.

Retirement Wellness Planner >

#### Contributions To be reported on 01/01/2018 Pre-Tax Contribution Amount () Annual Increase 🗊 \$52.50 every two weeks 1% 6% + + 6% 10% Until my contribution Amount to increase A You're not contributing enough to get the full each year reaches employer match! **Manage Other Contributions Clear Changes Save Changes** You Need 🖗 We Estimate You Will Have 🗊 You May Be SHORT \$2,925/month \$2,872/month \$53/month in retirement in retirement in retirement

#### KNOW YOUR RETIREMENT READINESS SCORE

If you spend this much, your savings

may run out by age 85.



## **Financial Wellness**



Washington Financial Group 38% SAY THEY KNOW LITTLE OR NOTHING ABOUT THEIR EMPLOYER-PROVIDED BENEFITS 37% FIND MANAGING THEIR PERSONAL FINANCES SOMEWHAT OR VERY DIFFICULT 42%

TWO IN FIVE ARE CLUELESS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ON TRACK TO RETIRE COMFORTABLY 40%

PERSONAL FINANCES ARE A DISTRACTION AT WORK MAKING THEM LESS PRODUCTIVE

Source: 2015 MassMutual Employee Benefits Security Study

THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE CLEAR

83%

employer financial benefits are critical to my financial security<sup>1</sup> 55%

"I want help managing my finances"<sup>1</sup>



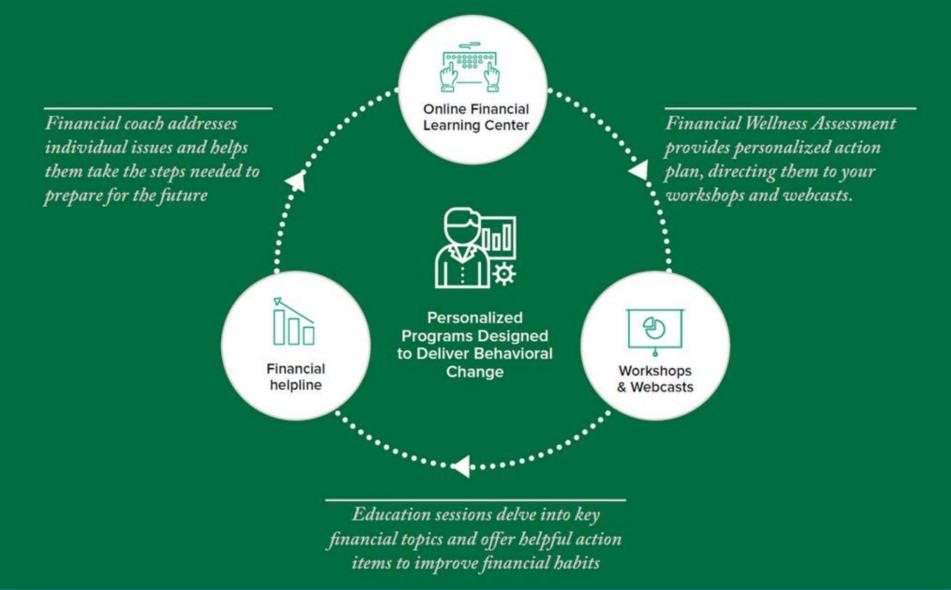
86%

employees say it is important for their employer to offer financial wellness programs <sup>2</sup>

"My workplace retirement savings plan will be my main source of retirement income"<sup>1</sup>

1 2016 Workplace Benefits Report - Bank of America Merrill Lynch, April 2016 2 Harris Poll, June 2015

WORKERS LOOK TO THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR HELP



#### FINANCIAL WELLNESS PROGRAMS

## **Bottom Line for Employers**

Make sure to have the right plan that:

- Meets current goals/objectives
- Conforms to fiduciary guidelines
- Ideal plan design to optimize outcomes
- Participant engagement model
- Incorporates guidance tools





### How Do You Measure Progress?

- PlanVisualizer is a powerful new tool that offers an unprecedented view of retirement plan data and real-time interactivity to model features and costs, making it easier to optimize plan design.
- As an ASAE member, you are entitled to a complimentary PlanVisualizer analysis contact us at <u>info@washfinancial.com</u> to request yours today!









# Commitment to Excellence.

We look forward to working with you to develop a strong and lasting partnership.

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