Sleep & Work/Life Balance

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Importance of Sleep

- Mental health
- Quality of life
- Physical health
- Safety

Mental Health & Quality of Life

- Sleep deficiency linked to anxiety, depression, etc. (Armitage, 2007)
- Sleep helps augment emotional coping (Baum et. al., 2014)
- Cognitive performance & productivity (Magnavita & Garbarino, 2017)
- Sleep is imperative to learning (Maquet, 2001)

Physical Health

- ► The immune system needs sleep (Bryant, Trinder, & Curtis, 2004)
- Decreased sleep associated with increased risk of... (Taylor et. al., 2007)
 - Heart disease
 - ► Kidney disease
 - High blood pressure
 - Diabetes
 - Stroke
 - Obesity

Safety

- Drowsy driving
 - Sleepiness is believed to play a role in about 100,000 car accidents each year (NIH)
- Workplace accidents (Shahly et. al., 2012)
 - Careless mistakes

Improving Sleep

- Maintain a regular sleep schedule
 - Set wake time and bed time
 - Weekends
 - Circadian rhythm
 - Build up sleep drive throughout the day
- Exercise regularly

Improving Sleep

- Avoid heavy meals before bed
 - Light snacks are ok
- Minimize caffeine consumption after lunch
- Bed time routine
 - Avoid strenuous exercise, bright lights, stress
 - Bath or relaxation techniques
 - ► Calm app
 - ► Headspace app

Improving Sleep

Prioritize sleep

- Busy schedules
- Allow yourself enough time to feel rested

Thanks for listening!

"Without enough sleep, we all become tall two-year-olds."

> JoJo Jensen Dirt Farmer Wisdom 2002

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