# The Working Mind: Better Conversations, Stronger Teams, Healthier Workplaces

The Working Mind is a mental health training course designed to initiate a change in how you think, feel, and act about Mental Health.

# What can The Working Mind provide for individuals, teams and your organization?

## Mental Health Awareness and Understanding

Recognize signs of good, declining, and poor mental health in others, and yourself.

#### Break Down Stigma

Cultivate a safe, supportive environment where mental health can be discussed openly and without judgment, using respectful and non-stigmatizing language.

## Strengthen Communication Skills

Develop a shared language to foster open dialogue about mental health between colleagues and within teams

#### Improve Resilience

Improve individual resilience through practicing coping strategies in times of stress and equipping managers to support their teams with the same tools and strategies.

## **Course structured for impact**

## Module 1

Mental Health Stigma Examine concepts of mental health and discuss the impacts of stigma on individuals living with mental health or substance use problems.

## Module 2

## Mental Health Continuum Tool

Use the Mental Health Continuum Tool to notice changes in mental health and well-being of yourself and others. Discuss how to have conversations with others about mental health.

Module 3

## Stress and Resilience

Explore the impacts of stress on mental health, and practice applying the Big 4 Coping Strategies- simple but proven tools to deal with stress effectively and remain resilient.

Module 4

# Supporting Your Team (Managers only)

Practice skills to support team's mental health and well-being. Review appropriate actions to take in each colour zone of the Mental Health Continuum and to address related to critical incidents and supporting employees.

#### **Key Objectives:**

- Recognize signs of good, declining, and poor mental health.
- Understand mental health as a continuum.
- Understand and reduce stigma and barriers to care in the workplace.
- Engage in mental health conversations with others.
- Identify stressors and apply coping and self-care strategies.
- Support team mental health with tools and resources (managers only)