- 32 Abstract:
- 33 *Objective*: To measure the impact of the SAILS (Supporting Adolescents with
- 34 Independent Life Skills) Workforce Development Program on the perception of job
- competency and global self-esteem of the participants living with a chronic illness or
- 36 illnesses.
- 37 *Methods*: Previous Lurie Children's Hospital (LCH) patients, aged 18-24, participated in
- 38 the SAILS Workforce Development program from 2016 to 2017 were selected for this
- 39 study. The program is a 120 hour paid work experience at a department within the
- 40 hospital. Data was collected by the LCH transition team, where patients were
- administered paper-based self-reported surveys both pre- and post- program. The
- 42 Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults was used for the intake and the
- 43 exit survey to measure self-esteem and perceived job competence, and the *Stanford*
- 44 SPS-6 Presentism Scale was used for the exit survey to measure presenteeism. The total
- 45 scores of the Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults pre- and post-
- 46 programs were compared using a two-tailed paired t-test.
- 47 *Results*: A total of 12 participant data was reviewed and analyzed. The SAILS program
- 48 may have had a positive effect on the participant's ability to manage their medication
- and treatment plan. It appears that more than average job days are missed for these
- 50 youth with a chronic illness. In both the "Job or occupational competence" and "Global
- self-esteem" subscales of the Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile, the post-program
- 52 survey scored higher compared to the pre-program survey, however, the findings did

not reach statistical significance. The findings also demonstrate high scores on the *Presenteeism Scale.* 

**Discussion**: Despite the modest sample size, results suggested a positive impact on the program participants' general self-esteem and presenteeism. This indicates the beneficial impact of the SAILS Workforce Development program itself. Further research focusing on various types of chronic illnesses that affect youth in specific ways is needed to understand the disease-specific factors and its impact on work.

#### **Introduction**:

Chronic illness is defined as a health condition that is expected to last a year or more and requires ongoing medical attention and/or limiting activities of living, and is a condition that affects more than half of all Americans (1, 2). Among those individuals that are affected by chronic conditions, the American Community Survey estimates that over 1.3 million U.S. youth ages 16-20 have a disability (3). Many youth have more than one condition that contributes to daily activity limitation; over a third of adolescents with special health care needs have at least three chronic conditions (4). With physical, mental, and social changes that occur in the adolescent years, successful transition of such young adults from childhood to adulthood is a concern of the Maternal Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and is included among the Healthy People 2010 core outcomes (5, 6, 7).

Work is important for youths with chronic illnesses, and it is affected by their medical condition. Having a chronic illness or disability can be difficult for youths to

manage while having a job due to barriers such as having to take medication at a certain time of the day. Unemployment rates for individuals with a chronic illness or disability are nearly twice as high as healthy individuals (8). The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that in 2016, 65.3% of people with no disability were employed, whereas only 17.9% of people with disabilities were employed (8). Physical problems are often reported as a reason for challenges faced in work situations and the reasons for unemployment (9). A recent study showed that patients with chronic illnesses, especially patients under the age of 40, were more often unemployed, worked fewer hours, and had lower incomes than their healthy peers (10). Furthermore, individuals with chronic illnesses are often forced to change or even terminate jobs due to their illness (11). Due to this restriction, youth are limited to certain job choices which put them at risk of losing talent and future career opportunities. A study also revealed that individuals living with chronic illnesses also worked at a lower level than their educational level (12).

Additionally, individuals with chronic illnesses are vulnerable to stigmatization, or devaluation, in the workplace. Productivity, competence, and the ability to maintain a regular schedule conflict with the sometimes unpredictable nature of chronic illness symptoms, as well as the need to be away from work for treatment or medical appointments (12). Experiencing these stressors at work can lead to an identity crisis, and perceptions of identity threat may be stressful because they represent devaluation along with likely future harm, such as threats to the job or career success through discrimination (13). Further, youth with chronic illnesses face many social inequities,

and are less likely to enroll in post-secondary education/training or have recent work experience (14).

Internships and practical training programs have a great impact on personal growth as well as personal skills. Through internships, individuals gain knowledge of the responsibilities and understanding of their skills required in the workplace (15). Internships also help individuals envision their career path through various hands-on experiences and help grow an appreciation for education (15). They also acquire decision-making skills as well as critical thinking skills, which both impact and increase confidence levels. Braswell and Cobia suggest that participation in internships leads to increases in career self-efficacy (16). However, since individuals with chronic illnesses are vulnerable to stigmatization and are limited or do not have the same opportunities compared to their healthy peers, internships that are tailored to people with chronic illnesses are influential and valuable.

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital (LCH) of Chicago launched the SAILS (Supporting Adolescents with Independent Life Skills) Workforce Development program in 2011, designed to help youth learn how their chronic illness may affect their experience at work. The SAILS Workforce Development program also serves to introduce youth with chronic illnesses and disabilities to careers in healthcare and build an employment pipeline to inspire, support, and join the healthcare workforce. Many youth who have personal experience with the healthcare system find themselves interested in the medical field. The program helps support young adults ages 17-24,

who live with chronic illness or disability, by completing 120 hours of paid work experience within various departments at LCH.

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Despite the history of the program, no program evaluation has been completed to evaluate the efficacy of the program on the participants' perceived job-specific competency and self-esteem. The specific aims and hypotheses of this study are as follows:

- Aim 1: To obtain a cross-sectional view of the patients themselves, before and after the program, and how they feel about their jobs.
  - Hypothesis 1: We hypothesize that participants have a positive selfesteem and higher perceived job competency after the program compared to before the program.
- Aim 2: Measure the impact of the SAILS Workforce Development program on the perception of job competency and global self-esteem on the participants living with at least one chronic illness.
  - Hypothesis 2: We hypothesize that the SAILS Workforce Development program positively impacts the participant's perception of job competency and global self-esteem.
- Aim 3: To examine the impact of chronic illness on work.
  - Hypothesis 3: We hypothesize that youth with chronic illness will have a significant number of work days missed and low level of presenteeism, or the measure of how present or aware they are at work, due to their effect of the illness.

This topic is relevant to public health as the hallmark is working towards providing working opportunities for youth with chronic illnesses through the SAILS Workforce Development program. Further, in researching the efficacy of the program on the participants' perceived job-specific competency and self-esteem, we can examine the changes necessary for future impacts. With more research, public health interventions such as this program can be improved and replicated around the country.

#### **Methods**

#### Participants and Procedure

The SAILS Workforce Development program is a four to six week paid internship for LCH patients only. Patients from LCH completed 120 hours of paid work experience. The decision to make the program a paid internship was based on studies that suggest that students who have received pay are more likely to get hired compared to those whose work internship has been an unpaid internship (17-21). After applying to the program, eligible LCH patients were enrolled for the next available term. The work schedule for each participant was determined by the patient and the TCH transition team. Through the program, the participants learn how their chronic condition affects their ability to work as well as how to manage both their health condition and work. Currently, about 50 youth have completed the program with 5-15 more currently enrolled in the program. The SAILS Workforce Development program also prepares these patients and their families for the transition to adult health care, college, and work. The team works closely with the participant to tailor their experience to their

interest in healthcare, availability, and the individual needs they may have. The program also offers specific orientation sessions that are unique to young adults with their condition. These sessions give informed descriptions of what steps both the patient and the organization can take if issues arise during the work hours. The SAILS Workforce Development program also provides sessions that help build a patient's work profile such as resume building tools, strategies to work with their unique condition, networking tips, and relationship building skills. In the past, interns have received training in LCH units including Audio-Visual, Concierge, Environmental Services, Finance, Human Resources, Information Management, Nursing, and ParentWISE.

#### Intervention

This was an exploratory, cross-sectional study examining youth ages 18-24 who were LCH patients and participated in the SAILS Workforce Development program from 2016 to 2017. All participants had at least one chronic illness and they all completed 120 hours at their employment site. Participants who did not complete the surveys or those who were under the age of 18 were excluded from the study. Data was collected by the LCH transition team, where patients were administered self-reported surveys both pre- and post- program. The Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults was used for the intake survey, and the Stanford SPS-6 Presentism Scale and three-item questionnaire were used for the exit survey. All surveys were paper based self-administered surveys. Twelve participants completed the survey. The

collected data was de-identified and the scoring of the surveys was completed using the scoring key provided by each survey manual.

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#### Measures

1. Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults

The Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults was designed for individuals ages 18 to 25, and is a multidimensional instrument that targets emerging adults to bring credibility to a new and distinct transitional period of development (22). The Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile is comprised of several domains and each domain measures a construct. Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults was derived from the Self-Perception Profile for Children, which was previously validated for its utility of assessing children's perceptions (22). The 18 to 25 age group realizes that they are no longer adolescents but have yet to take on adult roles and responsibilities. Youth in this age group undergo many transitions. A major developmental task for emerging adults involves occupational exploration; there is typically a shift from temporary after-school or post-graduation jobs to the commitment to a particular career (22). Such exploration may involve education beyond high school, for example, college or graduate school. Since the SAILS Workforce Developmental Program works specifically with placing youth in employment, we used the "Job or occupational competence" domain, which is a 4-item subscale that measures the extent to which young adults feel that they are successful at exploring job options where they can perform competently (22).

The individual's self-concept may also change during emerging adulthood according to Harter (22). For instance, youth may face the need for social acceptance from peers (23). Various priorities in different domains in life may impact the individual's level of self-esteem to change. To obtain a cross-sectional view of the patients themselves and how they feel about themselves and their performance at their job, the "Global self-esteem" domain was used. This domain was a 4-item subscale to obtain the youth's current perception of his or her global self-esteem, that is, how much he or she likes himself or herself as a person (23).

Each item on the "Job or occupational competence" and "Global self-esteem" subscale was scored on a four-point scale where a score of 1 is assigned to the choice of the negative option, rated "Really True", and a score of 2 is assigned to the "Sort of True" rating of the negative statement. A score of 3 is given for selecting the "Sort of True" rating for the positive description and a score of 4 is given to the "Really True" option for the more positive description. Items are counterbalanced, such that for half of the items the description on the left is worded positively, whereas, for the other half of the items, the description on the left is worded negatively. Items, where the choice on the left is positive are scored 4, 3, 2, 1 across the four possible response options, whereas items are scored 1, 2, 3, 4 for items where the description on the left is worded negatively. Scores for the four items are summed and then divided by 4, to obtain a mean score for each subscale. Both the "Job or occupational competence" and "Global self-esteem" subscale is out of a maximum of 16 points, where a higher score reflects higher perceived job competence or higher global self-esteem (22).

#### 2. Stanford SPS-6 Presenteeism Scale

The Stanford SPS-6 Presenteeism Scale was administered post-program. The Presenteeism Scale identifies an individual's ability to be mentally present and perform while distracted. This scale was used to examine if the program participant was alert and aware of their responsibility and surrounding at their job site. In the Stanford SPS-6 Presenteeism Scale, answers are given as 1 of 5 points on a Likert-type scale, ranging from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree,' with 'uncertain' being the neutral, third possible answer. Three items are reverse-scored in accordance with the negative wording. The total SPS-6 score is the sum total of positive and reverse scores; this results in the presenteeism score. The Presenteeism Scale is out of a maximum of 30 points, where a higher score reflects higher presenteeism at their job site (24).

Individuals who are working and who have a chronic illness may also be reluctant to complete a survey about their chronic illness out of fear that their reports would get back to their employer. It was, therefore, critical that the presenteeism survey be anonymous.

Because the surveys did not include any protected health information and were done on adults, an exemption was granted by the Lurie Children's Institutional Review Board.

#### **Statistical Analysis**

Preliminary analyses examined frequencies and distributions of the variables of interest for the analytic sample (n=12). Continuous data are presented as the mean and

standard deviation (SD) of the *Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults* were compared between pre- and post- SAILS Workforce Development program using a two-tailed paired t-test. Microsoft Excel was used for conducting the statistical analysis.

#### **Results**

Descriptive statistics are reported in **Table 1**, reporting the age and gender of the sample, as well as the year they participated in the program. Participants were on average 19 years of age (mean=19.08, SD=2.06) and there were had more male participants (66.6%) than female participants (33.3%). **Table 2** reports both the effect of work on the ability to take medication and ability to follow their treatment plan. Fifty percent, or six of the survey participants, reported that the SAILS program had no effect on their ability to take medication for their chronic condition, 33.33% responded that the SAILS program had helped their ability to take medication, 8.33% reported that the program did not help, and 8.33% reported 'not applicable'. Further, 50% of participants reported that the SAILS program had no effect on their ability to follow their treatment for their chronic condition, 33.33% responded that the SAILS program had helped their ability to follow their treatment, none reported that the program did not help, and 16.67% reported 'not applicable'.

**Figure 1** shows the frequency of participants categorized by the number of missed days from work. The mean missed days from work was 2.16.

**Table 3** and **Table 4** reports the "Job or occupational competence" and "Global self-esteem" survey score for both before and after the program for each patient. The

difference between the pre- and post-program scores, the mean of the differences, and the standard deviation (SD) of the differences are also reported. The mean job-competence score was 11.83 (SD=2.62) and 12.08 (SD=3.11) out of a total of 16 points each, for pre- and post-program respectively. The mean of the difference between the pre- and post-program scores was 0.25 with an SD of 3.93. However, the findings did not reach statistical significance (p=0.83). Further, the mean global self-esteem score, which is out of a total of 16 points, was 12.41 (SD=2.53) and 13.41 (SD=2.23), for pre- and post-program respectively. The mean of the difference between the pre- and post-program scores was 1.00 with an SD of 2.08. However, the findings did not reach statistical significance (p=0.13)

**Table 5** displays the *Stanford SPS-6 Presenteeism Scale* score for each patient. The mean total score was 27 out of a total of 30 points with an SD of 3.49. One patient response was removed due to a missing item.

### **Discussion**

The results of the study demonstrated that the effect of chronic illness on working was variable for our program participants. Our findings suggest high scores of the *Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults* in both the "global selfesteem" and "job or occupational competence" subscales. Working may have improved presenteeism based on the high score of the *Stanford SPS-6 Presentism Scale*. The average reported missed days was 2.16 days, and working in the SAILS Workforce Development program may have helped the program participants with their treatment

plans and medications. Despite our modest sample size, our results demonstrate the additional value of youth workforce programs that engage youth to learn and acquire positive self-esteem and higher perceived job competency. Thus, this gives support for the hypothesis that the program had a positive impact on perceived job-competency and high self-esteem compared to before the program.

Although we did not have the total number of days our participants worked, from the nature of the program we know that the participants worked four to six hours a day for 20 to 30 days to fulfill the requirement of the 120 hours of employment. According to the CDC, in 2007, men aged 18-24 years missed 2.1 days of work, and women aged 18-24 years missed 2.6 days of work (25). The study reported the average missed days from work is relatively high compared to the CDC reports. This gives support for the hypothesis that youth with chronic illness have a significant number of work days missed compared to youth without chronic illnesses. However, these are crude comparisons and further research with large sample sizes and information on the types of chronic illnesses is required to make further conclusions on the impact of illness on missed work days.

Koopman et al. evaluated the validity of the *Stanford Presenteeism Scale*. The study reported that the *Stanford Presenteeism Scale* (SPS-6) total score obtained by employees reporting a work or non-work related disability was significantly lower, with a mean score of 21 and SD of 3.9, compared with employees with no disability with a mean of 23.5 and SD of 3.8 (26). Compared to Koopman et al., our findings scored higher on the *Stanford Presenteeism Scale*. This gives support for the hypothesis

that the program had a positive impact on the participant, specifically on their perceived individual performance and productivity.

This research could impact prospective program planning by influencing future research endeavors. Despite the modest sample size, results suggesting a positive impact on job competency, self-esteem, and presenteeism indicate the beneficial impact of the SAILS Workforce Development program itself. For future program improvement, looking at the negative impact of chronic illness on work may help uncover hidden themes. Prior to the start of the program, having an orientation or providing centralized information for participants on what to expect during the program could benefit them. Providing information on how to manage their medication while on a work schedule, or informing them that being in a new work environment and adjusting to a new environment may potentially discourage them from being at work can also help them mentally prepare for their responsibilities as an employee.

Additionally, focusing on the types of chronic illnesses that affect youth in specific ways is needed to understand the disease-specific factors and its impact on work. There is likely variation in experiences of stigma based on illness type. For example, mental illnesses are typically more stigmatized than illnesses with primarily physical manifestations. The study could also be improved by comparing the challenges faced by youth with non-visible disabilities to those with visible disabilities. It may also be interesting to note the ability to work while following treatment for the various psychological or emotional causes of distraction, if applicable. Further, looking at the number of missed work days, and the reasoning for being absent, are some questions to

ask during the investigation. It is also important to assess challenges and selfperception on youth with varying severity of disability to have a comprehensive
understanding of what youth suffering from chronic illness feel at their work
environment. Additionally, examining how the severity of the disability is associated
with missed days and their perception of their job is a possible question to tackle. Other
specific mediators such as school absenteeism, cognitive impairment, parent financial
stress, and psychiatric illness should also be investigated (27).

Continued efforts are needed to support children growing up with chronic illnesses to become successful adults, particularly interventions that target educational attainment and vocational readiness. Youth workforce programs like the SAILS Workforce Development Program can play a role in promoting successful young adult outcomes by recognizing that such patients are at increased risk of educational, vocational, and financial problems. Boundary flexibility and job self-efficacy may be critical variables to target for interventions directed toward this worker population.

#### Limitations

Several limitations should be acknowledged for this study. First, the small sample size limits the ability to detect changes over time; although we found positive trends for both subscales in the *Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile*, due to the small sample size the results were not statistically significant. Further the small sample size limits the power of the study and the generalizability of the study to greater populations. Due to the limited sample size, we could not make any associations

between certain chronic conditions to any outcomes such as the number of missed days from work. The program also limited participants to those who do not have any behavioral disabilities and are mostly independent, due to the workplace limitation that no one-on-one coaching was available. Further, since the collected data relies on self-reports, the results may be at risk of response bias. Additionally, there was no control group that did not undergo the internship, thus the true isolated impact of the internship could not be assessed. Moreover, no baseline data for the *Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults* exists. Therefore this lack of data limits us from comparing our small sample size population to the general population with respect to their perceived job-competency and global self-esteem.

#### Conclusion

Chronic illness is a large and growing issue for individuals and the organizations that employ them, yet empirical research on this population is lacking (28). The majority of young adults with chronic illness graduate high school, however, many are at increased risk for poor educational, vocational and financial outcomes. Further, social factors such as stigmatization and discrimination further limits these youth from exploring and achieving their career goals.

This data analysis project illuminates the benefits of workforce programs such as the SAILS Workforce Development program, that provides new opportunities for young adults with chronic illnesses. It is an empowering, inclusive program that educates and motivates youth to take responsibility for their work requirements while living with

their chronic health condition. With appropriate support systems and opportunities, youth with chronic illnesses can overcome their obstacles and discover their career path that suits them best.

For future improvements, we hope to increase the sample size for greater power and a more robust analysis. Further research focusing on various types of chronic illnesses that affect youth in specific ways is also needed to understand the disease-specific factors and its impact on work attendance and performance. Future efforts should be made to achieve maximum survey responses to ensure complete surveys are available for research purposes.

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**Table and Figures** 

19.08	2.07	M (66.6%)	F (33.3%)
Age Mean (yr)	SD	1000	Gender

	Term Year Participated	Fall 2016	Fall 2016	Summer 2017	Summer 2017	Summer 2017	Summer 2017						
graphic	Gender	M	M	M	M	Μ	J	Μ	J	M	J	Μ	J
Table 1. Patient Demographic	Participant Age During Program (yr)   Gender   Term Year Participated	24	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	22	18	21	18
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ost-Program	Difference between Pre & Post-Program Survey Score	0	0	1	-5	0	5	-1	-5	4	2	7	-5
Table 3. Job or Occupational Competence Survey Pre- and Post-Program	Job Competency Post-Program Survey Score	15	13	13	8	13	11	14	8	16	11	16	7
Table 3. Job or Occupational C	Job Competency Pre-Program Survey Score	15	13	12	13	13	9	15	13	12	6	6	12
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	Pre-Program Survey	Pre-Program Survey Post-Program Survey
Mean	11.83	12.08
SD	2.62	3.12

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Mean of differences: SD of differences: p-value

	Pre-Program Survey	Post-Program Survey
Mean	12.42	13.42
SD	2.54	2.23

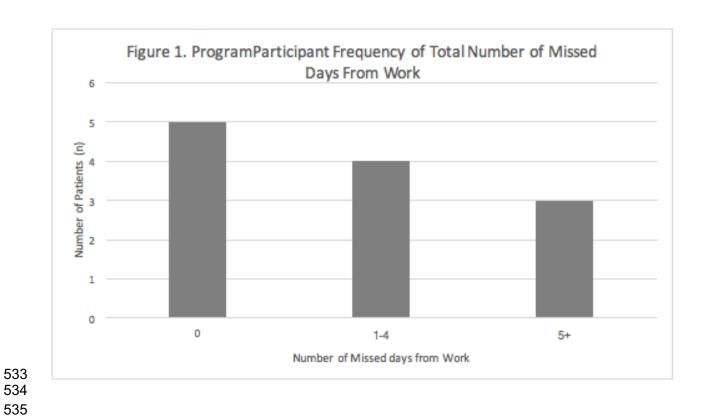
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	Table 4. Global Self-Est	Table 4. Global Self-Esteem Survey Pre- and Post-Program	rogram
	Global Self-Esteem Pre-Program Survey Score	Global Self-Esteem Global Self-Esteem Global Self-Esteem Difference between Pre & Pre-Program Survey Score	Difference between Pre & Post-Program Survey Score
Patient 1	15	11	4
Patient 2	14	16	2
Patient 3	13	14	1
Patient 4	10	11	1
Patient 5	10	12	2
Patient 6	8	10	2
Patient 7	11	16	9
Patient 8	16	16	0
Patient 9	16	16	0
Patient 10	11	12	1
Patient 11	12	14	2
Patient 12	13	13	0

Total Presenteeism Score	27	3.49
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	Total	23	29	26	30	26	26	29	30	19	30	29	20
	Question 9*	3	4	4	2	5	2	5	2	5	5	4	5
core	Question 8*	5	5	5	5	1	4	5	5	4	5	5	2
Table 5. Stanford Presenteeism Scale Score	Question 7	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	5	4
e 5. Stanford Pres	Question 6	9	9	3	9	2	8	4	9	2	5	9	-
Tabl	Question 5*	7	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	4	5	9	5
	Question 4	9	9	4	9	9	4	9	9	3	5	9	4
	Patient	1	2	3	4	9	9	2	8	6	10	11	12**

\*Item was reverse-scored in accordance with the negative wording. \*\*Patient data excluded due to missing entry.



# <u>Appendix</u>

1. Post-SAILS Program Survey (Stanford presenteeism scale)

	Please help us improve our program. We are interested in your honest opinions, whether they are positive or negative. All answers are anonymous and will be kept private.											
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	☐ Working had no effect on me being able to take		tions									
	Working made it harder to take my medications											
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3.	How did working affect your ability to follow your	treatment p	olan for your	particular con	dition?							
	Working helped me follow my plan better.											
	Working had no effect on following my treatme	nt plan										
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Stanford presenteeism scale shown in items 4-9.

## 2. Pre- and Post-SAILS Program Survey

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Items 1-4 is taken from the Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults "Job or occupational competence" domain and items 5-8 are from the "Global self-esteem" domain.

# 572 3. Stanford Presenteeism Scale (SPS-6)

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* Note that the words 'back pain,' 'cardiovascular problem,' 'illness,' 'stomach problem,' or other similar descriptors can be substituted for the words 'health problem' in any of these items.						other

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## 4. The Susan Harter Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults - Scoring Key

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#### The Self-Perception Profile for Emerging Adults Harter, 2016 What I Am Like **SCORING KEY** Transfer scores to master coding sheets Really Sort of Sort of Really True True True for me for me for me for me Some young adults do not Other young adults do feel 1 2 3 4 feel mentally able to cope BUT mentally capable of coping with the situations they now with their new life situations must face 2. Some young adults believe Other young adults have not 3 that they have found a 2 4 1 BUT found such a rewarding job rewarding job where they opportunity can develop their talents Other young adults have 3. Some young adults, since 1 2 high school, have not been found rewarding avenues 3 4 **BUT** able to find outlets for their where they can demonstrate their athletic skills athletic energies 4. Some young adults currently like their physical Other young adults do not 2 3 4 BUT appearance; it is appropriate like their current physical for their age and social appearance situation 5. Some young adults have Other young adults have been able to establish new found it difficult to establish 2 1 4 BUT and meaningful social new and meaningful relationships since leaving relationships high school 6. IntRel Some young adults feel that they are developing the Other young adults feel that 4 3 2 capacity to engage in BUT they have yet to experience relationships that are more this capacity intimate than casual dating

	Really True for me	Sort of True for me				Sort of True for me	Reall True for m
7. PRel	4	3	Some young adults feel that they are able to maintain a close relationship with their parents while at the same time beginning to be their "own person"	вит	Other young adults do <i>not</i> seem to be able to do both	2	1
8. Moral	4	3	Some young adults feel that their moral principles are becoming clearer and more crystallized	BUT	Other young adults are struggling to establish their own clear moral standards	2	1
9. Hum	4	3	Some young adults are able to laugh at some ironies of life that now confront them	BUT	Other young adults are more cynical and less able to laugh about their unexpected current life experiences	2	1
10. Daily	4	3	In the face of current living arrangements, some young adults feel that they are managing pretty well	BUT	Other young adults are having difficulty adjusting to current living arrangements	2	1
11. Optim	4	3	Some young adults are optimistic about creating and achieving their future goals	BUT	Other young adults are more pessimistic about whether they can create and achieve future goals	2	1
12. TFSelf	4	3	Some young adults feel that they are able to be their true selves in most current situations	вит	Other young adults find that they put on a false self much of the time	2	1
13. SE	4	3	Some young adults like the kind of person they are becoming	BUT	Other young adults do not like the kind of person they seem to be, they wish they could be different	2	1
14. Intell	4	3	Some young adults feel intellectually equipped to meet the problem-solving demands of this period of their life	BUT	Other young adults do <i>not</i> feel intellectually equipped	2	1
15. Job	1	2	Some young adults do not feel that they are moving in the right direction in terms of selecting a promising occupation	вит	Other young adults do feel that that they are moving in the right occupational direction	3	4
16. Athl	4	3	Some young adults have been able to find opportunities to use their physical abilities	BUT	Other young adults have <i>not</i> been able to find such opportunities	2	1
17. App	4	3	Some young adults like the way they look, although their standards have changed since high school	вит	Other young adults do <i>not</i> like the way they look in the face of changing standards	2	1

	Really True for me	Sort of True for me				Sort of True for me	Really True for me
18. Peer	1	2	Some young adults have <i>not</i> made friends in their current work or educational environment	вит	Other young adults have been able to make satisfying friendships at their work or in their educational environment	3	4
19. IntRel	1	2	Some young adults question whether they will have the ability to move into a committed relationship	вит	Other young adults do feel that they have the ability to commit to a serious relationship, eventually	3	4
20. PRel	4	3	Some young adults are learning to balance their developing independence from parents with different and more mature types of dependence upon parents for support	BUT	Other young adults have difficulty achieving this balance between independence from, and dependence upon, parents	2	1
21. Moral	1	2	Some young adults are having difficulty developing their own independent ethical guidelines	BUT	Other young adults are more successful at creating personal ethical guidelines, separate from those imposed by others	3	4
22. Hum	1	2	Some young adults find it difficult to find humor in uncomfortable situations that face them at this point in their lives	вит	Other young adults can maintain a sense of humor in the face of new and sometimes awkward situations	3	4
23. Daily	1	2	Some young adults are facing challenges coping with the need to make their own day-to-day decisions	вит	Other young adults seem to be able to cope with their new decision-making responsibilities	3	4
24. Optim	1	2	Some young adults feel rather hopeless about whether than can fulfill personal aspirations	вит	Other young adults are hopeful that they will fulfill their personal aspirations	3	4
25. TFSelf	1	2	Some young adults feel that currently they need to act phony in order to cope socially	BUT	Other young adults do not have to be phony in order to cope pretty well in social situations	3	4
26. SE	1	2	Some young adults do <i>not</i> feel good about themselves overall; they experience low self-esteem	BUT	Other young adults do feel good about themselves; they have high self-esteem	3	4
27. Intell	1	2	Some young adults now question whether they are very intelligent	вит	Other young adults do feel that they are quite intelligent	3	4

	Really True for me	Sort of True for me				Sort of True for me	Really True for me
28. Job	4	3	In exploring job possibilities, some young adults feel confident that they will do well at the work that they have chosen	BUT	Other young adults do <i>not</i> feel confident about their abilities at their current choice of jobs	2	1
29. Athl	1	2	Some young adults have <i>not</i> found ways to get the physical exercise they need	вит	Other young adults have been successful at finding ways to get needed physical exercise	3	4
30. App	1	2	Some young adults are currently unhappy with their body and weight, wishing they were different	вит	Other young adults <i>are</i> happy with their body and weight right now	3	4
31. Peer	1	2	Some young adults feel that they are <i>not</i> accepted by their peers given their current life situation	BUT	Other young adults currently feel that there are peers who do accept them	3	4
32. IntRel	4	3	Some young adults feel that a genuine, deep love relationship may be possible	BUT	Other young adults question whether this will be possible	2	1
33. PRel	1	2	Some young adults are having difficulty negotiating their changing relationship with their parents	вит	Other young adults are negotiating these changes pretty successfully	3	4
34. Moral	1	2	Some young adults are still searching for a solid sense of their own core personal values	BUT	Other young adults seem to be developing personal values that they feel are very solid	3	4
35. Hum	4	3	Some young adults don't take themselves too seriously and can laugh off situations that might be a cause for embarrassment	вит	Other young adults find it hard to see the humor in situations that might be personally embarrassing	2	1
36. Daily	1	2	Some young adults struggle with the need to structure their time and meet the current obligations in their everyday life	вит	Other young adults are able to handle these demands pretty successfully	3	4
37. Optim	4	3	Some young adults display optimism about creating a rewarding future life	BUT	Other young adults experience pessimism about the life they face ahead of them	2	1
38. TFSelf	4	3	Some young adults are able to be their true selves, their real selves inside	BUT	Other young adults struggle to act like the self they really are inside	2	1
39. SE	4	3	Some young adults are typically pleased with themselves	BUT	Other young adults are often disappointed with themselves	2	1

	Really True for me	Sort of True for me				Sort of True for me	Really True for me
40. Intell	4	3	Some young adults feel that they have the "smarts" to successfully compete with others at this point in their development	BUT	Other young adults feel that they lack the "smarts" to compete	2	1
41. Job	1	2	Some young adults do not feel competent at their current job because they have not clarified their employment goals	BUT	Other young adults do feel competent at the job they selected as their occupational goals have become clearer	3	4
42. Athl	4	3	Some young adults have been able to find sports partners or teams that allow them to perform at their highest level of play	BUT	Other young adults have been unable to find sports partners or teams that allow them to perform at their highest level	2	1
43. App	1	2	Some young adults do not feel that they are physically attractive, given their goals for how they want to look	BUT	Other young adults do feel satisfied that they are meeting their goals for attractiveness	3	4
44. Peer	4	3	Some young adults have been able to make new and supportive friends since leaving high school	BUT	Other young adults have had difficulty developing new and supportive friendships	2	1
45. IntRel	4	3	Some young adults have entertained the idea of moving into a serious and rewarding long-term intimate relationship as they mature	вит	Other young adults have doubts about whether such an intimate relationship will ever be possible for them	2	1
46. PRel	1	2	Some young adults seem unable to establish their autonomy from their parents while retaining a sense of connectedness	BUT	Other young adults have found a way to combine autonomy from parents with a modified sense of connectedness to parents	3	4
47. Moral	4	3	Some young adults are aware that knowing right from wrong requires new moral standards	BUT	Other young adults are not so concerned with issues of morality at this point in their development	2	1
48. Hum	4	3	Some young adults can laugh at themselves when things don't always go as they personally planned	BUT	Other young adults have a hard time finding any humor at their expense, when things don't go as planned	2	1
49. Daily	4	3	Some young adults seem to be able to successfully manage the current requirements of daily life (for example, household chores, meals, expenses, getting to work or classes on time)	BUT	Other young adults are having difficulty managing the current requirements of daily life	2	1

	Really True for me	Sort of True for me				Sort of True for me	Real True for n
50. Optim	1	2	Some young adults often feel hopeless, fearing that they cannot create a rewarding future life	BUT	Other young adults feel hopeful about creating a rewarding future life	3	4
51. TFSelf	1	2	Some young adults feel compelled to adopt a false self in order to survive socially at this point in their lives	вит	Other young adults are able to rely on their true selves in order to both survive and succeed socially	3	4
52. SE	1	2	Some young adults are unhappy with how they are currently leading their lives	BUT	Other young adults are pretty pleased with the way they are presently leading their lives	3	4

"Job or occupational competence" domain are shown in items 2, 15, 28 and 41. "Global self-esteem" domain are shown in items 13, 26, 39 and 52.