

Supported Employment

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Evidence-based treatment works



Helping people with mental illnesses find and keep jobs

What is Supported Employment?

Supported Employment helps people with mental illnesses find and keep meaningful jobs in the community.

Why participate in Supported Employment?

When people feel good about having a job, they often see themselves in a more positive way. Work gives people structure and routines. Having an income gives them more choices about what to buy and where to live.

How does Supported Employment work?

- **Consumer choice** No one is excluded from participating.
- **Integrated services** Employment specialists closely coordinate with other rehabilitation and clinical treatment practitioners, creating a comprehensive treatment program.
- **Competitive jobs** Employment specialists help people find jobs in the open labor market that pay at least minimum wage and that anyone could have, regardless of their disability status.
- **Benefits counseling** Employment specialists help people understand how benefits (such as Social Security or Medicaid) are affected by working. Most people are able to work and continue to receive some benefits.
- **Timely support** Employment specialists help people look for jobs soon after they enter the program.
- **Continuous supports** Once a job is found, employment specialists provide ongoing support, as needed.
- **Consumer preferences** Choices about work are based on a person's preferences, strengths, and experiences.

Supported Employment programs help anyone who wants to work