Transforming Lives Through Employment: SAMHSA’s Supported Employment Grant Program (SEP)

Department of Health Services, Division of Mental Health (DMH)

Illinois

Implementation Sites: Trilogy Incorporated Behavioral Healthcare (north Chicago, urban); Thresholds Psychiatric Rehab Centers (south Chicago, urban)

Special Population Focus: Cultural competency and diversity (including LGBTQ)

Project Director: Katherine Burson, IL Division of Mental Health (in transition)

Description of Peer Involvement: Implementation teams (1 IPS Certified Recovery Support Specialist at each site); evaluation; project leadership

Prior History of IPS in State: IPS services began in 2006

Service Goals: 350 total

**SEP PURPOSE**
To enhance state and community capacity to provide and expand evidence-based SEPs (such as the Individual Placement and Support [IPS] model) to adults with serious mental illnesses, including persons with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders.

**ILLINOIS SEP GRANT IMPLEMENTATION SITES**
- Trilogy Incorporated
  - Behavioral Healthcare
    - Cook County - North
- Thresholds Psychiatric Rehab Centers
  - Cook County - South

**THRESHOLDS PSYCHIATRIC REHAB CENTERS**
- IPS service provision start date: Dec. 2014
- Participants enrolled: 57
- Number of job starts: 22
  - Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 30 days: 95%
  - Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 60 days: 42%
  - Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 90 days: 70%

**TRILOGY INCORPORATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE**
- IPS service provision start date: Jan. 2015
- Participants enrolled: 67
- Number of job starts: 24
  - Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 30 days: 96%
  - Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 60 days: 45%
  - Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 90 days: 69%

For more information on the SEP, visit the GAINS Center website: https://www.samhsa.gov/gains-center