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

Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery (DBHR)
Becoming Employed Starts Today (BEST)

Washington

Implementation Sites: Grant Mental Healthcare (Moses Lake, rural) & Columbia River Mental Health Services (Vancouver, urban)

Special Population Focus: Individuals enrolled in public mental health system with co-occurring disorders

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Description of Peer Involvement: Implementation team (Peer Counselor at each implementation site); grant management; evaluation

Prior History of IPS in State: None

Service Goals: 450 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.

WASHINGTON SEP GRANT IMPLEMENTATION SITES
Grant Mental Healthcare
Grant County
Columbia River Mental Health Services
Clark County

GRANT MENTAL HEALTHCARE
IPS service provision start date
March 25, 2015
Participants enrolled
94
Number of job starts
74
Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 30 days
58%
Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 60 days
40%
54%
Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 90 days

COLUMBIA RIVER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
IPS service provision start date
April 15, 2015
Participants enrolled
76
Number of job starts
38
Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 30 days
67%
Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 60 days
51%
Percentage of job starts that are continuously employed for 90 days

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