

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) Policy Series

Supported Employment

Supported employment is a provision which helps fulfill CCBHC requirements such as the care coordination and scope of services requirements.

CCBHCs coordinate care across health care services and supported employment is just one part in a range of services. By integrating care between a person's behavioral, physical, and social service needs, CCBHCs take a holistic approach to wellness and recovery.

Additionally, the Scope of Services criteria require that CCBHCs provide person- and family-centered treatment planning and psychiatric rehabilitation services. Supported employment helps fulfill both of these criteria.



What is Supported Employment?

Supported employment is an evidence-based practice that helps individuals with psychiatric disabilities obtain competitive employment.

Professionals providing supported employment may assist clients in every step of the process of obtaining employment, including defining career goals, assisting potential employers, and providing ongoing support to employees and employers.



Why Supported Employment?



Integrating supported employment within mental health services may result in better outcomes.

Employment is related to higher quality of life, symptom management, self-esteem, and social functioning, and fewer psychiatric hospitalizations.

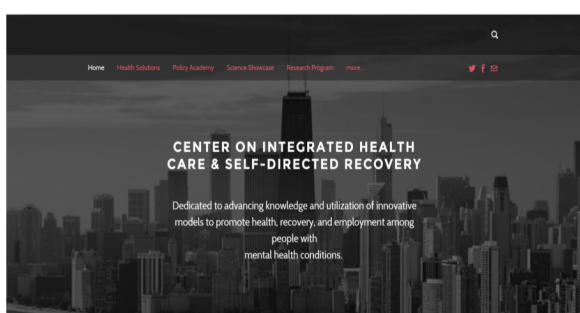
People who receive supported employment services are more likely to obtain employment.

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