Supported Education: Supporting Individuals to Begin or Return to Higher Education

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• Provides 5 years (2018 – 2023) of funding to:
  
  • Enhance capacity of behavioral health workforce to deliver evidence-based and promising practices to individuals with mental illnesses

  • Address full continuum of services spanning mental illness prevention, treatment, and recovery supports

  • Train related workforces (police/first responders, primary care providers, vocational services, etc.) to provide effective services to people with mental illnesses
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- Role of Religion and Spirituality in Recovery
  Thursday 5/7/20 1:00 – 2:30 ET
- Recovery in the Hispanic and Latinx Community
  Thursday 5/21/20 1:00 – 2:30 ET
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• Chat and Polls
  • Throughout the webinar, we will be asking for your input.
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Today’s Presenters

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Session Objectives

1. Provide the rationale for Supported Education
2. Define Supported Education
3. Review the practice principles of Supported Education
4. Discuss the practice of Supported Education
Why was Supported Education developed?
Benefits of Employment

Research on people with mental health conditions show that those who are employed experience…

Decreases in:

- Symptomatology
- Number of hospitalizations
- Length of hospitalizations
- Substance use
- Earlier mortality
Benefits of Employment

Research on people with mental health conditions show that those who are employed experience…

**Increases in:**
- Self esteem
- Community integration
- General functioning
- Housing stability
- Quality of life
Employment Trends

Even among those experiencing SMI who are employed, most of them work:

- at part-time, entry-level jobs
- earning minimum wages
- short job tenure

Loveland et al., 2007 Pratt et al. 2014
Tiered Labor Market

Secondary Labor Market

• Lower wages
• Minimal or no benefits
• Limited mobility
• Education is not required
• Less autonomy
• High rate of turnover / low tenure

Hagner, 2000
Tiered Labor Market

Primary Labor Market

• Higher wages/ salary
• Fringe benefits
• Mobility
• Emphasis on continued education
• Increased employee autonomy
• Job security/ stability

Hagner, 2000
Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2018

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Total: 3.2%  
All workers: $932

Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
Postsecondary Education for Students with Mental Health Conditions

Individuals with mental health conditions are less likely to enter college and, after enrolling in college, are more likely to drop out.

Hartley, 2010
Supported Education

“A specific type of intervention that provides supports and other assistance for persons with psychiatric disabilities for access, enrollment, retention, and success in postsecondary education.”

-Collins & Mowbray (2005)
The Practice Principles of Supported Education

- Access to an education program with positive, forward progress is the goal.
- Eligibility is based on personal choice.
- Supported Education services begin soon after consumers express interest.
- Supported Education is integrated with treatment.
The Practice Principles of Supported Education

- Individualized educational services are offered for as long as they are needed.
- Student preferences guide services.
- Supported Education is strengths-based and promotes growth and hope.
- Recovery is an ongoing process facilitated by meaningful roles.

Choose-Get-Keep
A framework for intentional services
Choose-Get-Keep

**Choose:** evaluate & determine what environment/course of study is the right fit

**Get:** fulfill the requirements for entrance

**Keep:** what skills & resources are needed & necessary to maintain progress &/or be satisfied and successful in the environment

Let’s talk about common supports in each of these areas
C-G-K

Student role + Educational preferences/setting

Skills + Supports

Success & Satisfaction

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MHTTC Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network
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C-G-K: A periodic review

For use in every semester

Examples:
- Choose the classes every semester
- Get those classes (early registration!!!)
- Keep those classes

Adding a “Leave” phase, a mindful exit
- A choice mid-semester (W, LoA, I) to minimize consequences
- Mindful of satisfactory academic progress
- Reassess and transition to new “Choose”
Current & Emerging Practices in Supported Education
Practices in SEd

• Career Service Model (NJ LEARN & HYPE)
• Infusion of SEd into various program modalities
  • ACT (vocational counselor)
  • Coordinated Specialty Care for First Episode Psychosis (SEES)
  • Housing Supports (Community Integration)
• Peer based services in SEd (e.g.: Project LETS)
• European Network on Supported Education
Supported Education Resources

- SAMHSA Toolkit: [https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Supported-Education-Evidence-Based-Practices-EBP-KIT/SMA11-4654](https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Supported-Education-Evidence-Based-Practices-EBP-KIT/SMA11-4654)

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