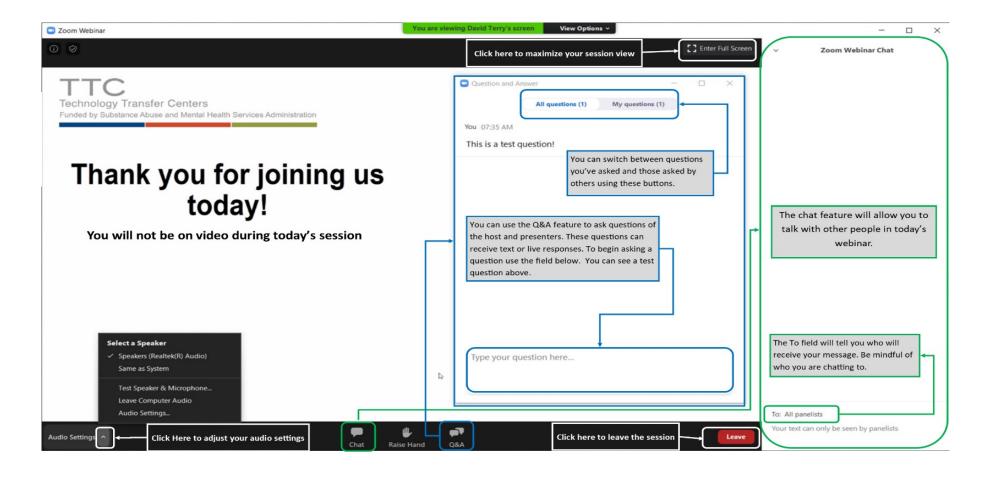
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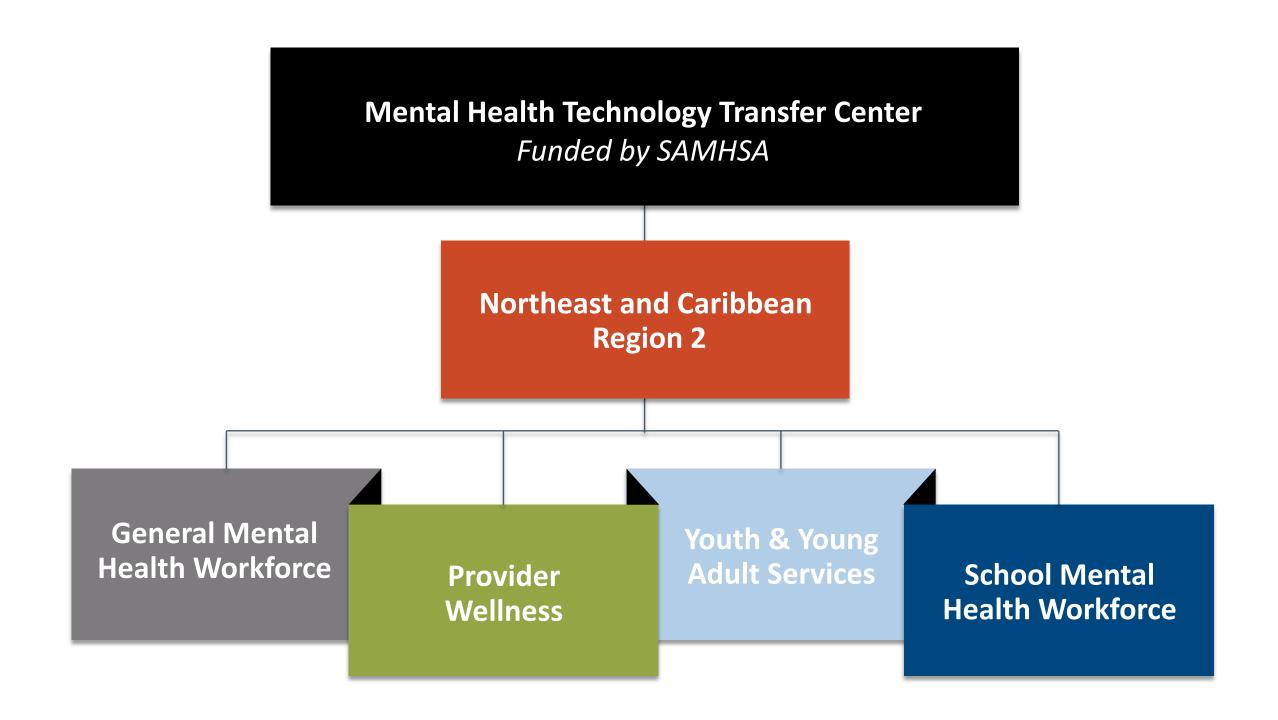
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## **Meet Today's Presenter**



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#### **AGENDA**

- 90-minute webinar
- Last session of a 3 part SEd series
- The goal is to develop knowledge to assist students in maintaining their student status and get to cap and gown.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Introduce the "Keep" phase of SEd services.
- Develop knowledge of the critical tasks associated with the "Keep" phase of service.
- Explore campus and community resources for supporting student matriculation and graduation.



Choose-Get-Keep-Leave Model of Psychiatric Rehabilitation

# The Phases of SEd Service



Choose- the person evaluates what school/major/course of study is the right for them



Get- the person fills the requirements for entrance into the program of choice



Keep- the student identifies what they need to do or get to be satisfied and successful in their education



Leave- the person intentionally chooses and takes steps to pause, terminate, or complete their education.

## REVIEW: Steps in the Choose Phase

#### Clarify

#### Clarify Values:

- Design (or use) activities for values clarification
- Infer underlying themes of responses to activities
- Parlay values into vocational goals

#### Analyze

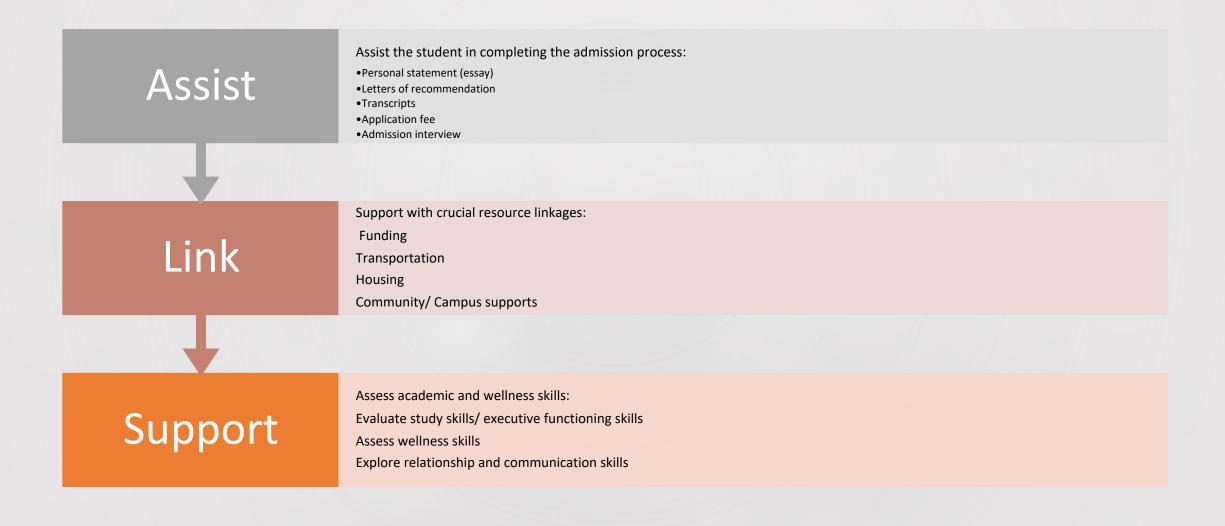
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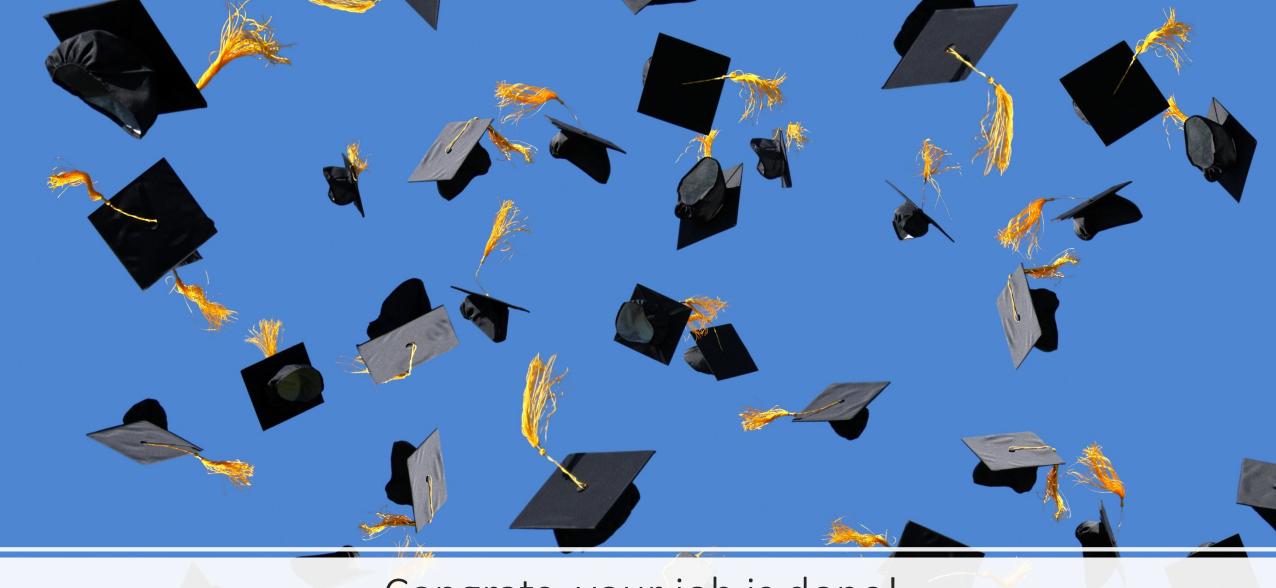
#### Infer

#### Infer Personal Criteria

- Describe the person's future preferences
- Translate future preferences into specific, personal criteria

### REVIEW: Steps in the Get Phase





Congrats, your job is done!



Mental Health Conditions & College Students Barriers
Frequently Cited
by Students with
Mental Health
Conditions

#### Over **70%** of respondents:

- Concentration (85%),
- Time management (77%)
- •Stamina (75%)
- Organization (71%)
- Prioritizing tasks (70%)

# Barriers Frequently Cited by Students with Mental Health Conditions

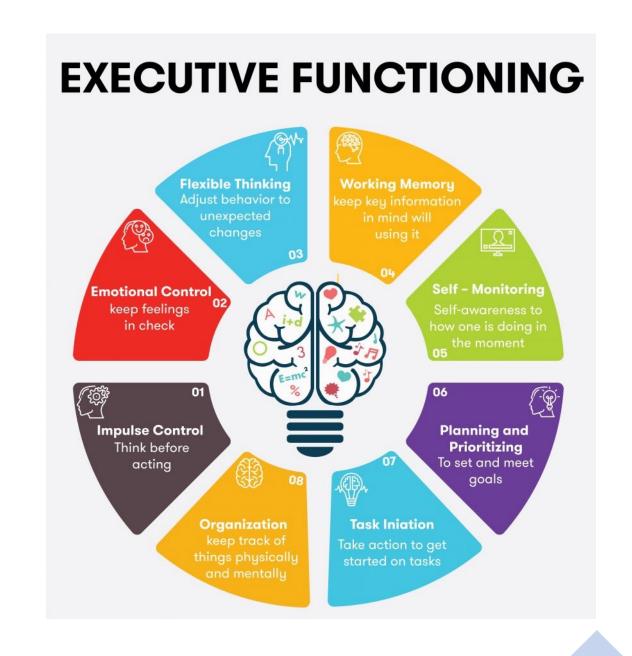
#### Over **50%** of respondents:

- Difficulty memorizing information
- Managing psychiatric symptoms
- Studying for exams
- Taking exams
- Preparing for class
- Writing papers
- Taking notes
- Researching information
- Meeting deadlines
- Speaking with professors/ classmates

#### KEEP Stage

- Skill Development for Academic Success
  - Learning/ executive functioning skills
  - · Wellness skills
  - Relationship and communication skills
- Accommodation Education & Development
  - Provide information
  - Assess needs
  - Develop intentional accommodations
- Resource Linkage
  - Campus Supports
  - Community Supports







# Spectrum of Wellness

#### **Stages of Mental Health Conditions**

Stage 1: Mild Symptoms and Warning Signs

Stage 2: Symptoms Increase in Frequency and Severity and Interfere with Life Activities and Roles

Symptoms Worsen with Relapsing and Recurring Episodes Accompanied by Serious Disruption in Life Activities and Roles

Stage 4:
Symptoms are
Persistent and Severe
and Have Jeopardized
One's Life

At Stage 1, a person begins to show symptoms of a mental health condition, but is still able to maintain the ability to function at home, work or school—although perhaps not as easily as before they started to show symptoms. Often there is a sense that something is "not right."

At Stage 2, it usually becomes obvious that something is wrong. A person's symptoms may become stronger and last longer or new symptoms may start appearing on top of existing ones, creating something of a snowball effect. Performance at work or school will become more difficult, and a person may have trouble keeping up with family duties, social obligations or personal responsibilities.

At Stage 3, symptoms have continued to increase in severity, and many symptoms are often taking place at the same time. A person may feel as though they are losing control of their life and the ability to fill their roles at home, work or school.

By Stage 4, the combination of extreme, prolonged and persistent symptoms and impairment often results in development of other health conditions and has the potential to turn into a crisis event like unemployment, hospitalization, homelessness or even incarceration. In the worst cases, untreated mental illnesses can lead to loss of life an average of 25 years early.

# Teaching Wellness Skills







Communication Skills

# Teaching Communication Skills







#### What Are Accommodations?

Legal rights afforded by the Americans with Disabilities Act Modifications or adjustments to the how of tasks &/or environment

Enable people with disabilities to have an equal opportunity to participate in an academic program or a job

Include changes to the application process to ensure equal opportunity to apply

Changes that enable a worker with a disability to perform the essential functions of a job

Changes that enable a worker with a disability to enjoy equal benefits and privileges

Should be determined by looking at how symptoms interfere with student's performance

## Knowledge Check:



Who decides accommodations for college students?



How well prepared are postsecondary schools to provide accommodations for students with mental health conditions?



What are typical accommodations granted to students with mental health conditions?



# Formula for Developing Intentional Accommodations

Curriculum standards for each class

Functional Implications of the MHC

Variances in Symptoms

# How to Assess the Functional Implications of MH Symptoms

How is the student's daily functioning affected by the presence of the mental health condition?

What barrier(s) does it cause?

Does the medication/treatment for the condition have side effects?

How do these limitations affect the student's ability to perform in the educational environment?

Linkage to Community & Campus Resources





## Summary: Key Steps in the Keep Phase

Explore and evaluate

Explore and evaluate skills to identify strengths and needs for academic success

- Learning/ executive functioning skills
- Wellness skills
- Communication skills

Develop

Develop relevant services to support skill acquisition and mastery

- •Include plans for skills teaching
- •Incorporate these services into each meeting
- •Revise and edit as needed for intentional support services

Support

Support linkage to resources for academic success and optimal wellness

- Disability Services & development of intentional accommodations
- Community services
- Campus services



# SHARE

- What is one thing you'll try in your services?
- What barriers might you encounter when supporting college students with mental health conditions?



#### Resources

- Active Minds
- Association on Higher Education and Disability
- Boston University Article, What Accommodations Support School Performance?
- Boston University, Higher Education
   Toolkit

- JED, College Student Mental
- **Health Action Toolkit**
- Job Accommodations Network
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