

Principles

ZERO EXCLUSION

All persons with a disability can work at competitive jobs in the community and that no one should be excluded from this opportunity.

CLIENT PREFERENCES

Services are based on clients' preferences and choices, rather than providers' judgments.

COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT

Working alongside others without psychiatric disabilities helps to reduce stigma and discrimination.

INTEGRATED SERVICES

Employment Specialists are members of multi-disciplinary teams that meet regularly to review client progress.

TIME-UNLIMITED SUPPORTS

Follow-along supports are individualized and continued for as long as the client wants and needs the support.

SYSTEMATIC JOB DEVELOPMENT

Employment Specialists develop relationships with employers, based upon their clients' work preferences, by meeting face-to-face over multiple visits.

RAPID JOB SEARCH

Beginning the job search process early (within 30 days) demonstrates to clients that your desire to work is taken seriously.

BENEFITS PLANNING

Employment Specialists help you access to ongoing guidance regarding Social Security, Medicaid, and other government entitlements.

we
are
here
for
you.



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COMPREHENSIVE LIFE RESOURCES

FOUNDATIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORTS: SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Helping you succeed at work!



Living with a mental illness or a disability can make it hard for someone to find a job.

Our Foundational Community Supports (FCS) team is here to help.





ALL YOU NEED IS THE DESIRE TO WORK!

What to Expect

Once referred, an Employment Specialist will contact you and schedule an initial appointment.

At the first appointment, your Employment Specialist will spend time getting to know you, your work history, and your strengths, needs, abilities, preferences, and work goals. With that information, you and your specialist will develop an initial treatment plan that will help guide you and measure your steps and progress towards achieving your employment goals.

Your Employment Specialist will work with you at your pace! Whether you are on the fence about working and need information to make an informed choice about work, or are ready to begin looking for work now, your Employment Specialist will adapt the services to meet your needs.

Eligibility



- Receiving Medicaid
- Interested in seeking and securing employment
- Lives in Pierce County
- Meets the requirements for complex health needs
- Ages 16 and above

Employment is Recovery!

What is Supported Employment?

You'll work with an Employment Specialist who can help you:

- Fill out a job application
- Prepare for pre-hire tests
- Long-term continued support
- On-the-job support
 - Education
 - Training
 - Coaching

Benefits

- Improved self-esteem
- Improved independence
- Working more hours
- Making more money
- Keeping jobs longer
- Reduced mental health symptoms
- Reduced alcohol or other drug use
- Reduced hospitalizations
- Reduced criminal offending