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Employment First Community of Practice Webinar: Job Supports for People with Mental Health Disabilities

Monthly Webinar Series

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June 10, 2020, 3:00-4:00 ET

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The Employment First Community of Practice (CoP) Webinar Series is structured to augment the technical assistance areas of primary focus in Employment First systems change (Capacity Building, Provider Transformation, School-to-Work Transition, Employer Engagement, and Policy/Funding Alignment). CoP participants will benefit from national subject matter experts (SMEs) presenting information and resources to support Employment First efforts.

Topic: Job Supports for People with Mental Health Disabilities

There is overwhelming evidence that people with serious mental illness have a desire to work and, with the appropriate supports, can successfully work in competitive jobs. Cost-effective programs that provide needed job supports exist and are highly effective. Yet, these programs are not universally available or always used. As a result, most people with serious mental illness do not work because there are multiple barriers to the wide scale use of evidence-based supported employment programs and job supports. Barriers include state policies, provider attitudes, uncertainties concerning benefits, financing policies, rate structures for providers, expected outcomes of treatment and lack of adequate training. This webinar will discuss these barriers and offer thoughts on effective approaches to overcoming them. There will be an interactive question and answer session at the close of the

presentation.

Webinar Objectives:

From this webinar, you will:

- Understand the various supports people with mental health disabilities need in CIE
- Understand, from an employer's perspective, why hiring people with mental health disabilities makes good business sense
- Understand, from an employee's perspective, why employment is a critical part of their recovery

Guest Speaker: William J. Hudock



Bill Hudock is a change agent and innovator in how healthcare is organized and financed. His career includes over twenty-four years of experience working with major insurance companies, during which he was responsible for management training, creating organizational change, data management, strategic planning, finance and operations of managed

care organizations and managing the applied economics of healthcare.

Following that experience, Bill ran a successful consulting practice for eight years in which he worked exclusively on issues related to behavioral health care. Bill recently served as Senior Public Health Advisor in the federal Center for Mental Health Services. Bill has returned to consulting with states, national organizations, managed care organizations, provider agencies and employers to address the barriers to implementing value-based contracting and implementation of programs that support employment of people with disabilities. Bill earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Connecticut.

New Registration Process

1. Register [here](#)
2. If you are unfamiliar with Adobe Connect, please review these [tips](#) and the [Step-By-Step Instructions](#) before participating.

Meeting Materials

- We will distribute meeting materials closer to the event.

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