



Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development

CHEERD

Employment & Education

- Provide oversight, resources and technical support to DMH programs providing employment and education services
 - Monthly Employment & Education Meeting
 - Individual Program Assistance
 - Site Visits
 - Training
 - Wellness Wiki

Department of Rehabilitation

- Department of Rehabilitation Cooperative Agreement
 - MOU Meetings
 - Quarterly Meetings
 - Program Reviews
 - Technical Assistance for Co-op programs

Connections for Life Through Employment & Education Conference

- Celebrates consumers that have returned to work or school
- Provides encouragement for clients that are unsure about returning to work or school
- April 7, 2010 at the California Endowment

Employment First vs. Employment Readiness

- “Place & Train” vs. “Train & Place”
- Consumers are considered “ready” to work if they express an interest
- Employment First works well with the Recovery Model Principles of Hope, Empowerment, Self-Responsibility, and a Meaningful Role in Life

Employment First

- Components of Evidence-Based Supported Employment
 - Consumer directed – if and when to participate
 - Part of mental health treatment, not separate
 - Consumer interest (type of work and schedule)
 - Quickly begins work w/employment specialist
 - Competitive employment / equal wages
 - Ongoing support, not time limited

Resources

- Wellness Wiki
 - Employment & Education link
 - www.wcrc.pbwiki.com
- Disability Benefits
 - Benefits calculators
 - www.db101.org
- Volunteer Match
 - www.volunteermatch.org

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