

Questions people ask about

IPS

Can I even get a job?

Yes! If you want to work, we can help. We start by exploring your skills, interests, experiences, and goals. If you receive benefits, use substances, have been involved with the justice system, are worried about your mental health, or just don't know - we believe you can work.

What is IPS?

Individual Placement and Support (IPS) is a proven model of supported employment that helps people with mental health and substance use disorders find and keep jobs in their community. We look for jobs that match your interests, skills, and preferences. The IPS model is based on the idea that employment is part of recovery and leads to improved outcomes for everyone.

What kind of job can I get?

We look for jobs you want in the community you live in. We focus on competitive, integrated employment. This means we look for jobs anyone can apply for, that are paid like everyone else, and offer ways to advance; not jobs set aside for people with disabilities.

How long can we work together?

As long as you receive services from a treatment team using the IPS model, we can work together! We help you explore your goals and the steps to achieve them. We can help you visit, apply for, interview, and learn skills for jobs you are interested in. Once you get hired, we will help you plan what supports you need and help you become as independent at work as possible, supporting you every step of the way.

What about school?

If you need additional training to get the job you want, we can help you explore schools and programs that are a good fit, what resources are available, how to get started, and how to request accommodations if needed.

What if I lose my job?

That's Okay! We see all experiences as opportunities to learn. We will talk about what happened, how we can be better prepared in the future, and if there are any changes you want to make. Then, we will start looking for a new job that will be an even better fit for you!

What if I receive government benefits?

We know the stability you get from your benefits is important. It is important to plan for changes, and we can help you know what to expect. We will work with a benefits specialist to understand what benefits you receive, how they will change, and what other benefits there are when you start working.

How can I get started?

Just tell your team that you are interested in working or going to school! They will set up an informational meeting with an employment specialist where you can learn more about IPS. We can't wait to talk to you!



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