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Overview of Career Services

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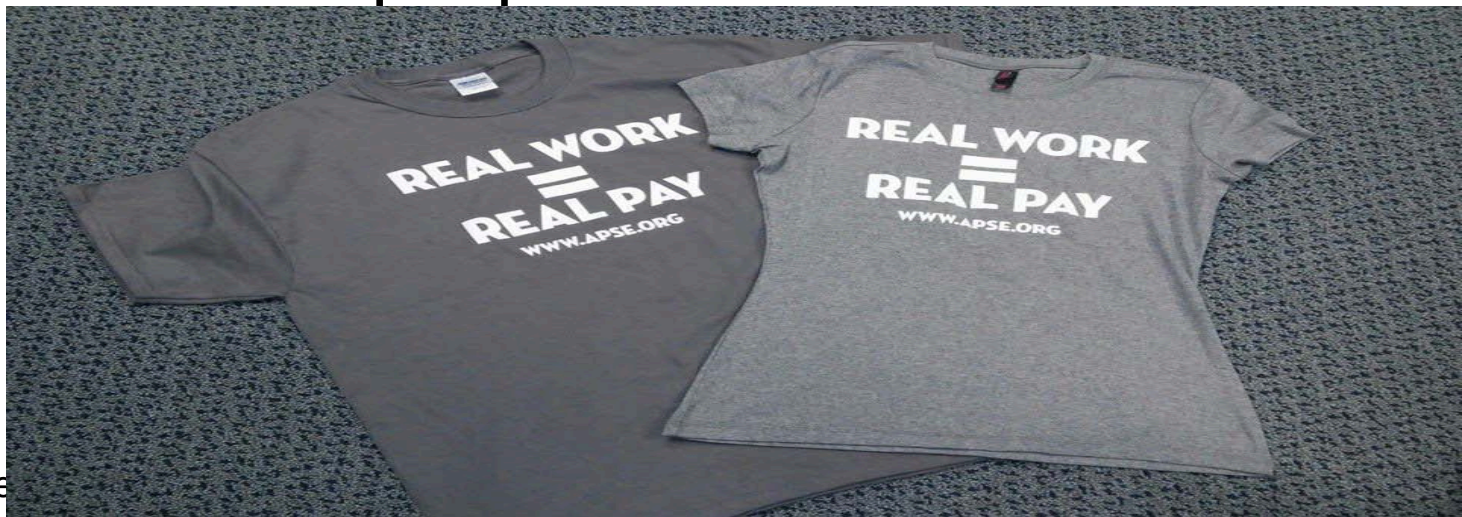
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“If work makes people with mental illness sick,
what do unemployment, poverty & social
isolation cause?”

(Marrone & Golowka, 1999)

What is Supported Employment?

- Promotes the belief that everyone with a mental illness is capable of working competitively in the community.
- The jobs exist in the open labor market, pay at least minimum wage, and are in work settings that include people who are not disabled



Practice Principles of Supported Employment

- Eligibility is based on consumer choice
- Supported Employment services are integrated with comprehensive mental health treatment
- Competitive employment is the goal
- Personalized benefits counseling is important
- Job search starts soon after consumers express interest in working
- Follow-along supports are continuous
- Consumer preferences are important

Where do I find Supported Employment?

Available in every county in NJ!

See handout for a location near you.

Preparing for a meeting with Supported Employment

- Bring work/school history
- Bring resume (past or current) if available
- Bring previously completed career assessments including SDS, CEI, Myers Briggs, or transferable skills
- Consider hobbies and interests- be prepared to talk about them
- Consider bringing a support person or family member

What Services Can I Expect?

- Referral to vocational rehabilitation (if desired)
- Job skills development
- Job skills assessments
- Career exploration
- Resume writing
- Interview preparation
- Linkage to community resources
- On and off site job coaching
- Accommodation education
- Management of personal information
- Job development
- Career planning

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SUPPORTED EDUCATION

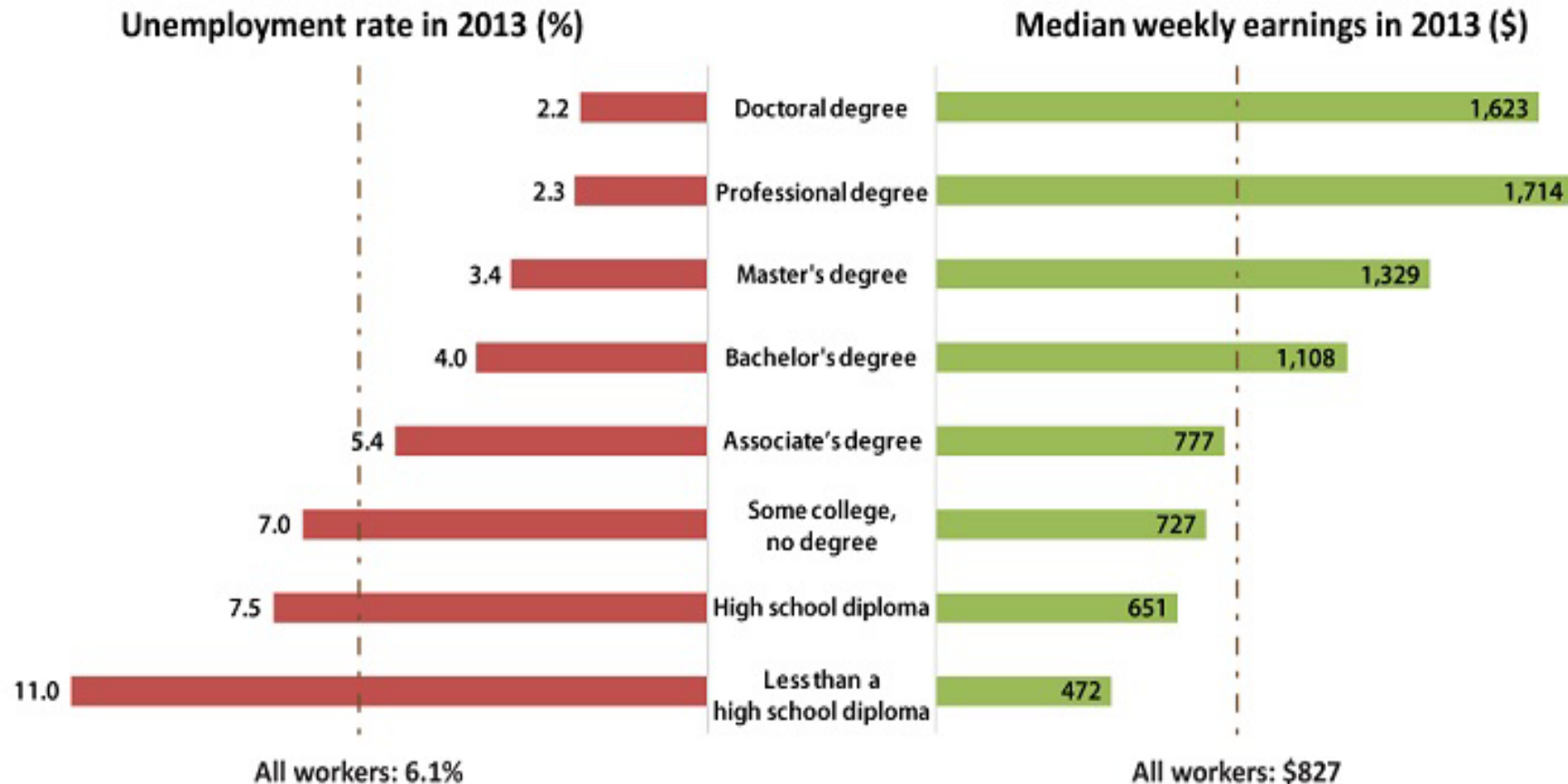
What is Supported Education

“A specific type of intervention that provides supports and other assistance for persons with psychiatric disabilities for access, enrollment, retention, and success in postsecondary education.”

Mowbray, 2005

A Thousand Words....

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment

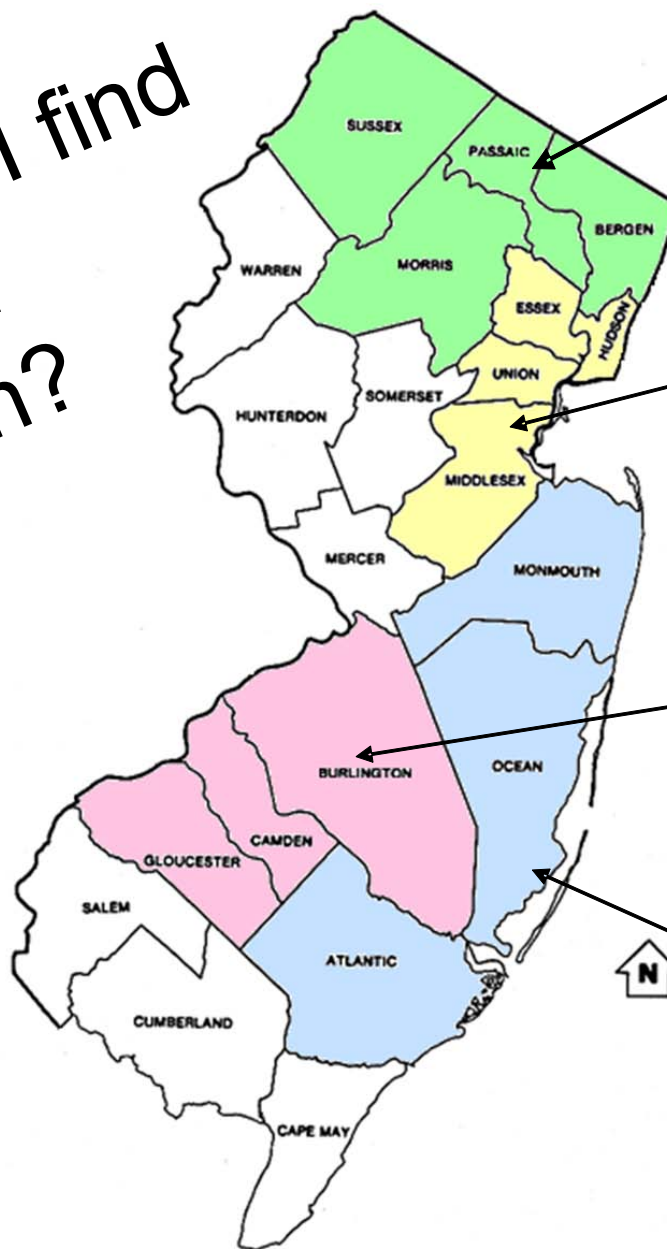


Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
 Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

How can Supported Education help?

- Choose
- Get
- Keep
- Skill development
- Resource development & networking
- Accommodation education

Where can I find
Supported
Education?



Saint Clare's Health System

LEARN of Northern NJ
Passaic, Morris and Bergen
Contact: Ann Marie Flake
201-602-9337 or 973-401-2190
100 Hanover Ave 1st Floor
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927
aflake@saintclares.org

Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services

LEARN of Central NJ
Essex, Union, Hudson, and Middlesex
Contact: Tatyana Detinich
908-686-2956 ext. 104
1023 Commerce Ave 2nd Floor
Union, NJ 07083
tatyana.detinich@bridgewayinc.com

Mental Health Association of Southwest NJ

LEARN of Southwest
Gloucester, Camden, and Burlington
Contact: Anthony Davis
856-522-0639 ext. 205
217 Black Horse Pike
Haddon Heights, NJ 08035
adavis@worksrite.org

Preferred Behavioral Health of NJ

LEARN of the Jersey Shore
Monmouth, Ocean, and Atlantic
Contact: Jimmy Mezzo
732-276-1510 ext. 5208
725 Airport Road Suite 7G
Lakewood, NJ 08701
jmezz@preferredbehavioral.org

Resources

- Valerie Mielke: Assistant Director
 - DMHAS Treatment and Recovery Support Services
 - 609-777-0708
- Disability Rights New Jersey
 - (800) 922-7233
 - PAIMI: <http://drnj.org/paimiprogram.htm>
 - PABSS: <http://drnj.org/pabssprogram.htm>
- SAMHSA:
 - Introduction to SE:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoLO_p04uKY&feature=relmfu
- NJ Association for People Supporting Employment First (APSE)
 - www.njapse.com
 - www.facebook.com/njapse
 - National APSE: www.apse.org

APSE

To change expectations and achieve outcomes, APSE must:

Advocate.

1. Champion the employment first principle that employment and careers be the expected and preferred outcomes of all publicly funded services for those with disabilities.
2. Change philosophies, policies, practices and funding to advance employment, career development and economic advancement for people with disabilities.

Educate.

1. Promote attitudes and beliefs that fully include and support people with disabilities to be part of the economic and social mainstream, to achieve careers and lifestyles like anyone else.
2. Empower individuals with disabilities to fully recognize their abilities.
3. Raise awareness within the business community as to the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities

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