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# Project Working Recovery: Employment Outcome Report



## Project Title

Project Working Recovery:  
 An Innovative Intervention for  
 Unemployed Substance Abusers

## General Principles

Project Working Recovery (PWR) is a service research project funded by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. The purpose of PWR is to provide a cost-effective vocational intervention to *augment* standard substance abuse treatment for persons in recovery.

PWR assists individuals to choose, get, and keep a job, as a means to sustain their recovery from addiction.



## PWR Objectives

### Service Group Overview

Outpatient counseling programs: 18  
 Inpatient/Perinatal programs: 37  
 Residential treatment programs: 14  
 Methadone Maintenance: 41

Total number of consumers served: 110

### Employment Outcome Overview

#### **Residential treatment programs: 7 employed**

Full time: 3                      Part time: 4

#### **Employment**

- Cashier
- Home Attendant
- Stock Clerk
- Greenville Community Shelter
- Flynn House

#### **Methadone Maintenance: 17 employed**

Full time: 6                      Part time: 11

#### **Employment**

- Fast Foods Worker
- Caterer Helper
- Host/Hostess
- Country Market
- Waffle House
- Sale Auto Mall
- Andy's
- Food Lion
- Bojangles
- Self Employed

#### **Inpatient/Perinatal programs: 0 employed**

- Majority of consumers transferred to Residential Treatment

#### **Outpatient counseling programs: 8 employed**

Full time: 1                      Part time: 7

#### **Employment**

- Cook
- Cleaner
- Fast Food Worker
- Teacher Aide
- Dining Room Attendant
- Coldstone Creamery
- Kathy R
- ABC Moving & Storage

## Service to the Community

### **Local Organizations Connected**

- Outpatient counseling centers
- Inpatient/Perinatal program
- Residential treatment centers
- Methadone clinic
- Drug Court/Criminal Justice

## Curriculum

1. PWR basics
  - Choose
    - Explore & identify job interests
    - Explore & resolve work barriers
  - Get
    - Develop resume & cover letter
    - Improve interviewing skills
    - Find & apply for job openings
    - Explore if job is good for recovery
  - Keep
    - Improve interpersonal skills
    - Improve relapse prevention skills
    - Improve stress management skills

