



The PoWeR of Recovery

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Assisting individuals choose, get, and keep a job as a means to sustain recovery from addiction

From the Directors' Chairs

by Drs. Paul Toriello and Steve Sligar

Summertime will be a good time for PWR! As with previous semesters, we said good bye to APs Lynette, Nicole and Amanda, who have moved to internship sites/jobs and we welcome new APs into their vital role (see staff list).

An AP has the responsibility to help consumers **choose** a job through interest testing, counseling and a review of past work history. The AP helps the consumer to **get** a job through finding leads on the Internet,

writing a resume, using friends and past employers, and discussing the frustrations of looking for a job. The AP also helps the consumer prepare to **keep** a job once one is found. The AP focuses on money and time management, avoiding triggers for relapse and building self-confidence to sustain recovery.

Yes, summertime will be a good time for the APs and also for consumers who want to go to work!



Outcomes

Service Hours Provided
May 2009

- 112 hrs. - Intake/Assessment
- 489 hrs. - Job Readiness
- 298 hrs. - Counseling

Consumers Served

- 224 consumers - Year to Date
- Employed at 90-day Follow-up
 - 42 % employed - full/part time

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A Word on Employability & Placeability

by Tracie Campbell

Employability and Placeability are two concepts that PWR work from within the choose, get, keep model of vocational rehabilitation. Employability investigates physical, psychological, and socioenvironmental readiness to enter the world of work. This process also examines work related knowledge and vocational goals. PWR clinicians assist consum-

ers to identify/resolve barriers to employment as well as a specific vocational goal. Once these issues have been addressed, a consumer is considered employable and works to be placeable in a specific job. Here the consumer inquires about the particular requirements for the job they identified in the employability phase. For example, a consumer needs reliable transportation to be employable.

To be a pizza delivery person however, a consumer would need a valid driver's license and a reliable vehicle. If the consumer is not placeable, he/she may need to seek training, licensure/certification, or go back to the employability phase to revisit the identified vocational goal.

Project Working Recovery impacts each consumer differently.

The following are a few of the responses to the question:

“What are the primary barriers to getting a job?”

“In their own words...”

by Leigh Atherton

This month's consumer quotes:

“Felonies on my record ” - E. D.

“Economy is down... ” - J.H.

“Knowing where to look... ”
- C. P.

“Finding openings in my field ”
- K. S.

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