



Get Back on Your Feet  
Improve Your Self-Image  
Feel Less Isolated  
Lead a More Satisfying Life

## We can help!

Despite the state of the economy, KRCC's evidence-based **Supported Employment program** helps people who are recovering from serious mental illness find employment and lead better, more independent lives.

It works for people of all ages. In fact, people with mental illness are more likely to find jobs if helped by a **supported employment program** than any other type of vocational service.



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**24-Hour Deaf/Hearing Impaired Hotline:**  
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# Supported Employment

**Helping People with Serious Mental Illness Return to Work**



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**Real Recovery.**

## What Is Supported Employment?

### **A fresh start. A second chance.**

KRCC's Supported Employment program provides life-changing support by helping our clients find and keep meaningful jobs in the community.

The jobs are competitive (paying at least minimum wage), provide a "real world" experience, and are based on an individual's preferences, interests, and skills.

### **The Dignity of Work**

Working makes you feel better about yourself. It helps you feel productive and a bigger part of society.

Work gives your life structure and possibilities, and the income means you'll have a chance to create your own future with more choices about what to buy and where to live.

### **It's Your Choice**

Our program does not force you to work. If you want to work, we'll give you the support you need to make your career goals a possibility.

**Our goal is not just to help you find a job – it's to help you find the job you want.**

***Note:** Clients may self-refer to our program, or they can be referred by case managers, therapists, Community Support Associates, or Vocational Rehabilitation.*

## How Does The Program Work?

### • **Client Choice**

No one is excluded from participating.

### • **Integrated Services**

The Employment Specialist coordinates services with your treatment team.

### • **Competitive Jobs**

The goal is to get you a job in the community that anyone can apply for and that pays at least minimum wage, including part-time and full-time jobs.

### • **Benefits Counseling**

Employment specialists help people understand how benefits (such as Social Security or Medicaid) are affected by working. Most people are able to work and continue to receive some benefits.

### • **Timely Support**

Job search starts soon after a client expresses interest in working — there are no preemployment requirements.

### • **Continuous Supports**

Individualized supports are provided to help you maintain employment for as long as you want our assistance.

### • **Client Preferences**

Choices about work are based on the individual's interests and skills.

## We Offer:

### **Career Exploration**

Our Employment Specialist provides continued support as we work with you to develop your own, unique employment plan to find job opportunities that meet your skills, abilities, and preferences.

### **Job Placement**

The Employment Specialist assists you in obtaining a job that achieves your career goals. The Employment Specialist will also help you increase your chances of getting hired by assisting you with professional presentation, interview preparation, and resume building.

### **On-The-Job Support**

Both on and off-site interventions are available to help you. This type of coaching helps to ensure a successful employment transition. The Employment Specialist provides on-the-job training and additional supports to help you succeed at work.

### **Ongoing Follow-Up Services**

The Employment Specialist will monitor your progress and provide outside work support to ensure that you adapt to your new responsibilities and retain employment.