

help is just a phone call away

## Employment Matters

Employment Matters works with individuals to support them in locating, obtaining and maintaining gainful employment. The population we serve are adults in Bergen and Passaic Counties who live with serious mental illness, with a particular focus on young adults age 18-25.

The Employment Matters program utilizes evidenced based methods of finding and securing competitive employment for individuals, in an effort to improve their quality of life. Operating under a team approach, each individual will have immediate access to a team of specialists.

### The team includes:

- Employment Specialists, who will assist with all aspects of job development and coaching
- An Education Specialist who will provide education planning and support
- A Benefits Counselor who will aid the individual in obtaining and understanding benefits and entitlements
- And a clinical team, which includes a Licensed Counselor and a Psychiatrist to foster positive mental health and wellness.

### Program Goals

- To assist the individual with developing employable skills with the goal of obtaining and maintaining employment.
- To improve overall health/wellness which benefits an individual's recovery by fostering improvement in symptoms, self-esteem, and financial security.
- To reduce community stigma through provider training, community outreach, and employer collaboration.

### For more information or to register...

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