Employment as a Social Determinant of Health

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Overview of Presentation

• OSECE – Who we are.
• Supported Employment in Oregon
• Research
• Resources
• Questions
OSECE

- Provides technical assistance to Mental Health Agencies across Oregon
- Conducts fidelity (quality control) reviews
- Collects and shares data
- Promote SE services
- Promote statewide collaboration
- Supported Education
Highlights

- 1429 individuals served FY 2012-13
- 710 clients have exited with jobs
- Grown from 3 to 25 sites over 10 years
- Recent expansion to 54 employment specialists across state
- Steady employment outcomes
- Working relationships with VR/EASA
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Eight Principles

• Every person who wants to work is eligible
• Supported employment is integrated with treatment
• Competitive Employment is the goal
• Consumer preferences are important
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- Rapid job search
- Systematic Job Development
- Follow along supports are continuous
- Personalized benefits planning
Employment and Health

- Unemployment status, cumulative number of job losses and cumulative time unemployed were each independently associated with increased risk for AMI
- Elevated risks associated with multiple job losses were of the magnitude of other traditional risk factors, such as smoking, diabetes mellitus and hypertension

Challenges & Solutions

• Integrating SE into physical and mental health service systems.
• Screening for unemployment
• Referral to appropriate job search and employment supports.
• Available funding mechanisms
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