

Promoting Independence and Recovery Through Work:

Employment for People with Psychiatric Disabilities

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Serious mental illnesses rank first among illnesses that cause disability in the U.S. People with psychiatric disabilities have the highest rate of unemployment of any group with disabilities. People with mental illnesses want to work and research shows that with the right support they can work.

The web cast will explore strategies and model programs for helping people with mental illnesses get back to work.

“ With appropriate forms of support, people with mental illnesses could actively contribute to that independence. They could fully participate in their communities. Instead, they are trapped into long-term dependence on disability income supports that leave them living below the poverty level [all the while preferring work and independence] ”

*The President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health
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