IPS Supported Employment Research Update

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27 Randomized Controlled Trials IPS for People with SMI

• RCTs are gold standard in social science research
Competitive Employment Rates in 26 RCTs
IPS is superior for employment outcomes: obtaining employment, time employed, hours of work, and wages earned.

Most people with serious mental illness work about 20 hours per week.

No evidence that substantial numbers leave disability rolls.
New Populations

- Early Psychosis
- Transition-age Youth
- Posttraumatic Stress Disorders
- Welfare Recipients (TANF)
- Common Mental Disorders
- Substance Use Disorders
- Spinal Cord Injuries
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
New Populations - 2

- Pain Syndromes
- Poverty
- Social Security Disability Denials
- Justice System
- Opioid Use Disorder
- New Immigrants
New Settings

• Housing programs
• Homeless shelters
• Substance use disorder treatment settings
• Primary care
• Federally Qualified Health Centers
• Medical clinics
Likelihood to Improve?

• Minimal information on new populations
• Key studies:
  • Supported Employment Demonstration
  • Next Gen: Justice system release
• Building Evidence on Employment Strategies:
  • Substance use treatment
  • FQHCs
  • Young adults in transition