

## INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT (IPS) PROGRAM

### TESTIMONIALS

"IPS helped me find a job that worked perfectly with my son's child care schedule. Having a job has really helped my sense of purpose as well as providing a source of income." ~ Lindsey P

"Working with my Employment Specialist has made me more confident and willing to learn new things. During my time with IPS I gained employment and I'm learning how to keep my job. I love having my Employment Specialist around!" ~ Sierra M.

"Being a part of the IPS program has helped me to build confidence while job searching." ~ Jennifer M.



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### TRAUMA INFORMED AGENCY WITH RECOVERY VALUES

#### RECOVERY VALUES

# HOPE

Empowerment

*Health and Wellness*

# RESPECT

Spirituality & Connectedness

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## Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Vocational Program

A **FREE**, time-unlimited vocational support program.

# INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT (IPS) VOCATIONAL PROGRAM



IPS is based on the belief that every person is capable of working competitively in the community if the right kind of job and work environment can be found.

IPS is based on these core principles:

- Eligibility based on consumer choice.
- IPS is integrated with treatment.
- Competitive employment is the goal.
- Rapid job search.
- Follow along supports are time unlimited.
- Based on consumer preferences.

## YOUR EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST CAN ASSIST YOU WITH:

- Identifying personal strengths
- Exploring vocational interests
- Resume building
- Cover letter construction
- Gathering references
- Creating and accessing email accounts
- Assistance finding job leads
- Utilizing online job site resources
- Completing online applications
- Completing paper applications
- Interviewing tips and mock interviews
- Assistance with attire for interviews
- Explaining times of unemployment
- Sample thank you letters after interviews
- Explaining a criminal background to employers
- Maintaining benefits while working
- Keeping your job once employed
- Looking into returning to school
- Exploring volunteer opportunities

## IPS STAFF WILL SUPPORT YOU THE WHOLE WAY!

The IPS program has a cooperative working agreement with the Department of Rehabilitation Services in both Madison and St. Clair counties. This collaborative effort works in partnership with each consumer, showing strong commitment to consumer choice and empowerment.

If you are interested, please contact your primary Chestnut Health Systems staff or contact Chestnut Health Systems' Vocational Systems Coordinator at **618.397.0900**.

