



Supported Employment

For Jackson Care Connect Members

Helping People Help Themselves! Supported Employment is a service that provides people with barriers to employment the help they need to get and keep a job that matches their interests, skills and abilities. Support is available to help identify a job goal, to locate a job, to learn the job, and to maintain that job over time. We partner with individuals to make sure they have the support they need throughout the process.

Supported Employment can **help a person:**

- **Identify skills and abilities**
- **Develop an employment plan and a resume**
- **Look for employment and apply for jobs**
- **Try different jobs to figure out which is the best fit for the employee and employer**
- **Provide ongoing support to help a person keep their job**

For more information, please contact Madonna Werthman at **541.858.8170** or **mwerthman@columbicare.org**.

Who Qualifies?

Jackson Care Connect members who have barriers to employment, including a mental illness, that interferes with their ability to work.

We start with people where they are at – regardless of prior work history, criminal background, etc. The most important factor is that the individual wants to work!

Why Work? People want to work for different reasons such as:

- To increase monthly income
- Use talents & skills
- Participate in the community
- Meet new people
- Acquire health insurance & other employment benefits
- Enjoy pride in work & increase self-esteem



Services Offered.

Career Exploration. For those who have not worked, or it has been a long time – we can help you think about your talents and interests as well as even get some experience to build your resume and develop local references.

Benefits & Work Incentive Planning. Often people are confused about how working will impact Social Security and other benefits. Ask us about the many incentive programs available!

Job Preparation. We can help you develop a resume, prepare for an interview and provide other services to get you ready for work!

Job Development & Placement. We provide specialized assistance to help match your interests, skills and abilities to the needs of community employers. We will provide support during the hiring process and help you figure out transportation, get needed clothing or tools, etc., so you are ready to start your new job!

Our Supported Employment Program is here for you!

Talk to one of our Employment Specialists in the area or contact Madonna Werthman, Supported Employment Supervisor for more information about the program and how it can help you achieve your employment goals!



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