

National IPS Updates

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Overview

- The pandemic and IPS
- Growth in the IPS Learning Community
- ASPIRE grants in 7 States
- Increasing number of IPS programs for young adults
- Studies to learn about IPS for different populations

The Pandemic and IPS

- A small number of programs re-assigned IPS specialists to case management positions or laid off some IPS specialists. Less than was feared.
- In most states, IPS specialists worked from home and many have gradually resumed in-person services starting in spring of 2021.
- Some creative solutions to see clients in person—lawn chairs.

The Pandemic and IPS

- The competitive employment rate stayed above 40%.
- Some states reported that diversity in job types dropped.
- Reports that some individuals chose not to job search until they felt safer.

The Pandemic and Employer Relationship Building

- Job development changed → primarily by phone. But some employers were in constant need of employees.
- Job development buddies.
- Following up with employers from virtual job fairs.
- Maintaining six contacts per week appeared to help outcomes.
- Many programs are returning to multiple, in-person visits to build relationships with employers.

The International IPS Learning Community

- New Hampshire joined the Learning Community in January 2021. Now there are 25 states in the U.S. and 6 other countries in the Learning Community.
- Members report that employment is increasingly viewed as a social determinant of health.
- The Learning Community developed an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) committee.

ASPIRE

- Advancing State Policy Integration for Recovery and Employment (ODEP and DOL).
- Addressing funding and other aspects of scalability.
- States: Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Virginia

IPS for Young Adults

- IPS-Y scale
- Programs working with young adults who no longer live at home report difficulty including family members in employment planning.
- Career exploration is a focus and would probably be helpful to many older IPS clients. A way for IPS specialists to learn about different careers.
- Supported Education uses a thoughtful & individualized approach. Help exploring school programs, learning good study skills and time management, developing relationships with Office for Students with Disabilities for accommodations, assistance with financial aid...

IPS for Different Populations of People

- IPS for people who receive mental health care at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).
- IPS for individuals receiving substance abuse treatment at substance abuse treatment centers.
- IPS for people who receive Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF).
- IPS for people who were turned down for Social Security benefits.
- IPS for individuals released from prison.

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