



**Facts:**

- The unemployment rate for persons with severe mental illness is typically 85-90%
- In the US, the case management programs that provide supported employment typically have an employment rate of 40-50% of consumers enrolled in this evidence based practice.
- The six Oregon counties that provide supported employment and send OMHAS quarterly reports on employment data, typically have hit about a 45% employment rate! That is a 300-400% higher employment rate than obtained by persons with SMI not enrolled in supported employment.
- The employment that consumers are obtaining in supported employment in Oregon pays at least minimum wage, and is a job that any one could apply for (integrated setting). Also it is not necessary to use pre-employment activity such as day treatment to help these consumers obtain jobs in the community
- Each of these counties has a collaborative relationship between the mental health program and the local Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Supported employment is a billable code under the Oregon Health Plan
- The supported employment OHP code is only used by a handful of Oregon Counties.
- If you would like to provide the state quarterly information on your supported employment program in Oregon, or would like more information about how to build SE programming please contact me at 503-947-5538 or email: Michael.w.moore@state.or.us