

# What is Individual Placement and Support?

- Model of supported employment for adults with persistent mental illness or addiction.
- Helps individuals with behavioral health conditions work and maintain employment at regular jobs of their choosing.
- An evidence-based model that consistently outperforms all other forms of support for people with severe and enduring mental health problems.
- **Interested in IPS services?** Talk to an IPS Specialist today by calling Crawford County Mental Health Center at 620-231-5130

## Who Provides IPS Services?

IPS Specialists provide direct assistance with obtaining work, education, or technical training. Support is still provided after securing employment. IPS specialists work closely with a team of practitioners who provide services for the same group of individuals.

For more information on the services we provide, please visit [www.crawfordmentalhealth.org](http://www.crawfordmentalhealth.org) or call 620-231-5130

### 24-Hour Services:

If you, or your family member, are experiencing a mental health crisis please call 620-232-SAVE (7283) or 911.

## ABOUT US

*Crawford County Mental Health Center offers mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs to serve adults, children, and families regardless of their ability to pay.*

***Servicios disponibles en español***









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# 8 PRINCIPLES OF IPS:

-  Competitive Employment
-  Systematic Job Development
-  Rapid Job Search
-  Integrated Services
-  Benefits Planning
-  Zero Exclusion
-  Time-Unlimited Supports
-  Worker Preferences

# BENEFITS OF WORK:

- Increased income.
- Improved self-esteem.
- Improved social networks.
- Increased quality of life.
- Better control of symptoms.
- Reduced hospitalization.
- Reduced substance use.
- Reduced use of mental health services.

# EMPLOYER BENEFITS:

- Match employees who are a good fit for your organization.
- We offer customized support to the employee after hire, without timelines.
- IPS is shown to reduce employee turnover.
- Your organization contributes to the recovery of our mutual candidates.

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

IPS specialists strive to build relationships with businesses by visiting in person and learning about individual company cultures, preferences, and needs.

## WHY FOCUS ON EMPLOYMENT AND CAREERS?

Work is considered by many as an important part of mental health recovery. Over two-thirds of individuals with a serious mental illness want to work, but only 15% are actually employed.

Working can both be a way out of poverty and prevent entry into the disability system. Competitive employment has a positive impact on self-esteem, life satisfaction, reducing symptoms, and is a cost-effective alternative to day treatment.

