

Our Mission

Greater Nashua Mental Health Center at Community Council works with the community to meet the mental health needs of its residents by offering prompt, professional evaluation and treatment, resource development, education, and research.

We Believe

That the wellbeing of our community requires an integrated mental health system that serves its residents by preventing, treating and enhancing recovery from mental illness.

That eliminating the stigma surrounding mental illness and barriers to care is essential to ensuring access to mental health services and sustaining overall community health;

That employing state-of-the-art, evidence-based practices and treatments helps to improve the mental and emotional health of our community's individuals and families.

Programs & Services

- Adult Outpatient Services, including
 - Individual and Group Therapy
 - Community Support Services
 - Substance Abuse Treatment Services
 - Batterer's Intervention Program
 - Vocational Services & Supported Employment
- Child & Adolescent Program, including
 - Individual, Family and Group Therapy
 - Young Adult Program
 - Greater Nashua Supervised Visitation Center
 - Children First/Child Impact Seminars
- Services to Special Populations, including
 - Deaf Services
 - Elder Services
- Additional Services include
 - Community Connections Mental Health Court Program
 - A Place to Live Shared Housing Program
 - Center for Psychiatric Advancement, Inc.
 - Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team
 - 24-Hour Emergency Services



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Information for Consumers



Greater Nashua Mental Health Center
at Community Council

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What is Supported Employment?

For mental health consumers, work can be an important part of the recovery process. With the right type of support, work can become a reality for many consumers.

This brochure provides information about **supported employment** – a program that helps consumers find and maintain competitive jobs in the community.

Principles of Supported Employment

- Any consumer who wants to participate in the program is eligible to do so.
- Supported employment specialists coordinate services with your treatment team: your case manager, therapist, psychiatrist, etc.
- The goal is to help you get a job in the community that anyone can apply for and that pays at least minimum wage.
- Your job search starts as soon as you express an interest in working – there are no pre-employment requirements.
- Individualized supports are provided to help you maintain employment for as long as you want the assistance.
- Choices about work and support are based upon *your* preferences, strengths and experiences.

Supported Employment Starts with You

The program does not force you to work. If you want to work, you will be given the supports and services to help you make your career goals a possibility.

Working part-time is also your choice. The supported employment specialists at Greater Nashua Mental Health Center will help you find a job that fits your needs rather than a job that you have to fit into. It is your decision how long you continue to work with the supported employment specialists after you have a job.



Information on Your Benefits is Available

You may be worried that working will affect your benefits, such as Social Security and Medicaid. The supported employment specialists can help you in obtaining accurate information about benefit programs that allow you to continue to receive benefits, or partial benefits, even when you are working.

For More Information

Contact the Supported Employment Program by calling 603-889-6147.