

Results of Partnership for Transitional Opportunities Program

Overall PTO participants from 11/1/09 - 6/30/10 = 17.

Of these 17, 14 had an income. 7 of these income from SSI/SSDI (L.C.L.K., M.S., M.W., V.W., D.C., J.F.). 6 from wages (A.S., J.D., M.M., N.G., R.H., T.H.)

Of the 3 w/ no income, 3 obtained income. (C.N., G.H., P.G.)

Of those on SSI/SSDI, 5 were able to supplement income w/ PT employment (L.C., L.K., M.S., M.W., J.F.).

Of those w/ wages, 1 was able to increase income (R.H.).

Maintenance program participants from 11/1/09 - 6/30/10 = 6.

Of those participating in the turnover grant (6), 1(P.G.) was able to gain employment going from 0 hrs/wk to 40 hrs/wk - 20 @ Porchlight, and 20 @ Chrysalis and 1(W.C.) was able to go from 20 to 40 hrs/wk - and 1 (RH) was able to add 10 hrs/wk.

RH has been switching back and forth between FT and PT at his Burger King job and does vending - since he received this job after participation in the program, it can be attributed to doing well and receiving a positive reference through his maintenance work.

Narrative:

Of the 6 participants in the turnover project, 2 were able to substantially increase their incomes (WC) adding 20 hrs/wk (working in field and gaining benefits) and (PG) going from unemployed to 40 hrs/wk in two PT jobs (also receiving benefits - healthcare, etc - through Chrysalis) and 1 (RH) was able to add 10 hrs week to his total hours..

The remaining 3 were able to supplement their incomes to help meet basic needs. Of these three, 1(MW) has a disability (stroke survivor w/ cognitive difficulties) that while making substantial employment difficult, has demonstrated that he could be a good candidate for sheltered and/or supported employment and has improved his self-esteem regarding his ability to work and in general, feel better about himself. One (JF) had a minimum of hours due to exiting the PTO program but experienced a taste of what it is to work - having not worked in years due to her disability (MI). The last one (, LK), has been able to improve her work history and secure a good work reference. As she is on SSDI there are opportunities for her to work at least part time (20hrs/wk).

All participants, in addition to gaining the direct job skills related to the custodial and painting fields, all attain transferable skills through their participation in the program. These skills are punctuality, care of materials, attention to details, job responsibility, independent thinking, problem-solving, and pride in workmanship. Additionally, through on-the-job counseling, they are able to see how they fit into a workplace. These attributes allow for participants to improve their work histories, add skills to their resumes, and increases their confidence in their abilities. Thus, their employability is increased.