

Do you provide dedicated supported education services for individuals with psychiatric disabilities/mental illness? Want to strengthen dissemination of information about your supported education program to regional and national stakeholders?

With funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), a coalition of national technical assistance centers – the National Empowerment Center, Youth M.O.V.E National, Doors to Wellbeing, The CAFÉ TA Center, and the Peer Support Coalition of Florida’s Peer Experience National Technical Assistance Center – are developing a national database (program listing) of supported education programs. The coalition has developed a survey to collect program information and invites any mental health-focused supported education program, whether based in a university, mental health agency, state or county office, or other organization, to submit information about their program through the survey.

Why are we doing this: Supporting the educational goals of youth/adults with psychiatric disabilities/mental health challenges is critical. Currently, however, there is no comprehensive listing of supported education programs, and no go-to starting point for individuals or families looking for educational supports.

What programs are eligible: For the purposes of the database, we are defining supported education programs as any dedicated program or service focused on improving GED completion, access to higher education, and/or support in higher education settings among youth and adults with psychiatric disabilities/ mental illness, including Autism. To qualify, programs must specifically focus on improving educational access and outcomes.

What will happen to survey entries: Within the survey we request contact information to facilitate follow-up for entries that may need to be clarified. Once any clarifications are obtained, entries will be added to a searchable online database and broadly disseminated.

Find the Survey here:

https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_71fqLc9gJzVbrvg

Questions or comments: Please email SEducDatabase@gmail.com with any questions or comments related to the project.

