

What is IPS?

SEKMHC is providing a new evidenced-based service for people with severe mental health challenges.

IPS works closely with individuals and employers to ensure employment is a positive and successful experience. IPS puts a strong focus on job matching and job development. The program aims to secure long-term employment opportunities and establish relationships with area employers.

Competitive Employment Supports include:

- Job Interest Assessment
- Benefits counseling through our SOAR Representative, who is a trained provider of state and federal benefits

Career development includes:

- Resume
- Application supports
- Interviewing pointers
- Transportation solutions
- Tips for communicating with employers
- On-going supports for job retention

Locations

CHANUTE | 402 South Kansas

FT. SCOTT | 212 State Street

GARNETT | 519 South Elm

HUMBOLDT | 1106 South Ninth

IOLA | 304 North Jefferson Ave

MOUND CITY | 223 E Main Street

PLEASANTON | 505 West Fifteenth

YATES CENTER | 204 S Main

Contact

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1-866-973-2241

24/7 Crisis Availability

Website

www.sekmhc.org



Individual Placement and Support

**Southeast Kansas
Mental Health
Center**





The 8 Principles of Individual Placement and Supports

1. Open to anyone who wants to work
2. Focus on competitive employment
3. Rapid job search
4. Targeted job development
5. Client preferences guide decisions
6. Individualized long-term supports
7. Integrated with treatment
8. Benefits counseling included

Evidence for IPS

Studies have shown that employment has positive impacts on people with serious mental health challenges (including schizophrenia spectrum disorder, bipolar disorder, or depression). Individuals view work as an essential part of recovery.

Why does employment aid recovery?

- Productivity is a basic human need.
- Employment creates pathways out of poverty and helps people stay independent and self-sufficient.
- Competitive employment boosts self-esteem, increases life satisfaction, and reduces symptoms from mental health challenges.

*Luciano, Bond, & Drake, 2014

Does IPS work?

People in IPS attain employment faster, hold their jobs longer, and work more hours.

Research from four randomized trials showed that individuals in IPS are:

- Three times more likely to achieve employment
- Working four times more hours than people not utilizing IPS

