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Community Mental Health Center Staff Attitudes About Employment for Persons with Serious Mental Illness with Debra L. Brucker, MPA, PhD.

#### THIS Monday, March 29, 2021 at 12:00pm-1:00pm EDT

**Making Sense of Employment Research** is a webinar series hosted by the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University, and highlighting employment research published in the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal.

Do you ever wonder what researchers are finding out about employment for people with mental health conditions? Each webinar is designed to discuss a recent research study and publication in a clear and relevant way, even if you know little or nothing about research.

**About the presenter, Dr. Debra Brucker:** As a research associate professor at the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability, Dr. Debra Brucker studies the economic, health, and social well-being of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. She has over 20 years of applied policy research experience and has held social and health policy research positions at academic institutions, research organizations, and state agencies.

We hope to see you at the Zoom webinar. Register at *Eventbrite.* 

### **Updates in Implementation Science**

Sigal Vax, Studies in Implementation Science TDTA Division Kicks-off Scaling Up Project in Georgia



Join us in congratulating *Sigal Vax,* our valued TDTA staffer and doctoral student. Sigal presented her dissertation work to the staff at the Center and has published her first article about her dissertation topic on organizational readiness for change (along with

other Center folks, Vasudha and Marianne). It's a great accomplishment and a prestigious journal, so I want to say a hearty congrats. Sigal will be "defending" her dissertation on April 2nd. The article is available as an open-source document <u>here</u>.

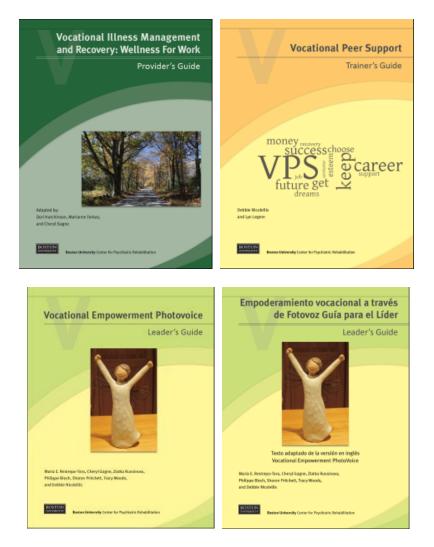
**Scaling Up with Thinking Skills for Work** is in its final year as a National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILLR) Grant. Drs Susan McGurk and Marianne Farkas are the co-PIs. The research project is focusing on ways to improve on already established evidence-based practice. The team is specifically looking at ways to "scale up" adoption by identifying efficiencies in implementation and organizational readiness. A partnership with public mental health providers in Georgia is providing the supported employment staff and clients in this undertaking.



## Employment Matters Check Out This Vocational Series in Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Recovery!



A series of vocational recovery curricula is designed for teaching peers, practitioners, program managers, and administrators. These vocational curricula are in a PDF format and may be a resource for staff training, seminars, and skill-based university courses.



<u>Vocational Illness Management and Recovery</u> (VIMR), based on the wildly successful Illness Management and Recovery (IMR), includes a Provider's Guide, Participant Workbook, and Implementation Guide for Supervisors and Administrators.

<u>Vocational Peer Support</u> (VPS) a curriculum for those delivering peer support, includes a Trainer's Guide, Trainee Handbook & Toolkit, PowerPoint Slides, and Implementation Guide for Supervisors and Administrators.

<u>Vocational Empowerment Photovoice</u> (VEP) using Photovoice tools to inspire people to consider work, includes a Leader's Guide and Workbook.

<u>Empoderamiento vocacional a través de Fotovoz</u>, the Spanish version of VEP, includes a Guia para el Lider y Guia para los participantes.



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