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Ask Me Anything About Individual Placement and Support (IPS) with Bob Drake

National Resource Center on Employment

On **Wednesday, October 18, 2017 from 2:00-3:00 PM ET**, Robert Drake, MD, PhD, via webinar, will answer any questions you have related to Individual Placement and Support (IPS) with a focus on providing IPS to people with co-occurring mental health and substance use problems.

This **free, online event** is not a presentation but an [interactive question & answer webinar](#).

If you are a person living with a mental health condition, an employer, a family member, an administrator of a service, a provider, a researcher, or

friend you can use the time to ask anything related to IPS to our guest expert.


For example, you could ask about:

- When are people with co-occurring mental health and substance use problems ready to work?
- What special precautions should be taken?
- How does work impact a person's recovery with co-occurring mental health and substance use problems?

Robert Drake, M.D, Ph.D., is the Andrew Thomson Professor of Health Policy and Clinical Practice at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and Vice President of the Westat Corporation. His work on psychiatric rehabilitation over four decades, including integrated treatments for people with dual disorders, evidence-based mental health practices, and implementing vocational services, has helped to shift mental health services toward greater resonance with clients' goals. With Deborah Becker, he developed the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model of supported employment, an evidence-based practice now used across the US and around the world. He has conducted numerous research projects, published over 600 journal articles and books, and trained many successful researchers.

[Register for the FREE webinar now and Ask Any Questions!](#)

Vocational Illness Management & Recovery (VIMR)

 Since Illness Management & Recovery (IMR) has been the featured topic in our September and October "Ask Me Anything" webinars, you may be interested in our VIMR curriculum. [Vocational Illness Management and Recovery](#) includes a Provider's Guide, Participant Workbook, and Implementation Guide for Supervisors and Administrators. It is designed for teaching peers, practitioners, program managers, and administrators. VIMR may be a resource for staff training, workshops, seminars, and skill-based university courses.

VIMR is part of a series of [vocational recovery curricula](#) that also includes:

- [Vocational Peer Support \(VPS\)](#)
- [Vocational Empowerment Photovoice \(VEP\)](#)
- [Empoderamiento vocacional a través de Fotovoz](#)

September Special Issue on Digital and Mobile Mental Health



The promise of digital, mobile, and connected technologies to advance mental health, and especially psychiatric rehabilitation, continues to rapidly evolve. The papers comprising this special issue make important and exciting contributions to the mental health field in general and to digital mental health for psychiatric rehabilitation in particular. These papers illustrate that we are at the beginning of an era that may provide new knowledge and evidence-based tools to better promote mental health diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and recovery.

[View the issue on Digital and Mobile Mental Health](#)

Please note that the Guest Editorial is available via OPEN ACCESS.

Save the Date for the next PRA Summit!

The 41st Annual Wellness and Recovery Summit will be held in Denver, CO, June 14-18, 2018, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The Summit will be sponsored by the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, The Academy of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Recovery, and The Mental Health Center of Denver.

Conference Board on our website

It's conference season! Please view announcements on the [Conference Board section](#) of our website.

As a community service, the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation would like to provide mental health, wellness, rehabilitation and recovery organizations and associations with the opportunity to bring meetings and conferences to the attention of the field.

Do you have any educational events and conferences that you would like to announce? Postings for this Community Conference Board can be submitted to: psyrehab@bu.edu

New Field-Initiated Research Grant

Dr. Uma Chandrika Millner and Dr. Sally Rogers of Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation recently received a Field-Initiated Research Grant from the National Institute for Disability, Independent Living, Rehabilitation and Research a project, titled “Developing a Measure of Career Advancement for Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities.” The research team will develop a career development instrument for individuals with psychiatric disabilities, called the Career Advancement Inventory (CAI) in collaboration with notable experts and a peer consultation team. The goals of this project include developing a theoretical framework of career advancement, psychometric testing of the instrument, assessing its usefulness in practice, and disseminating to consumers, researchers, and evaluators in the mental health and rehabilitation fields. Such an instrument is critical for assessing the effects of employment interventions and for developing targeted interventions designed to enhance employability of individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

LinkedIn Group: Employing People with Psychiatric Disabilities

If you are a person in recovery, employer, or supporter of people with psychiatric disabilities, we invite you to join the Center’s new LinkedIn group. For more information, or to join, please visit [our LinkedIn page](#).

This project was developed under a grant with funding from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, and from the Center for Mental Health Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, United States Department of Health and Human Services (NIDILRR grant 90RT5029). NIDILRR is a Center within the Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The contents of this project do not necessarily represent the policy of NIDILRR, ACL, HHS, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.

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