

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT FIDELITY SCALE*

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Reviewer:

Site:

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Total Score:

Data sources:

MIS Management Information System

DOC Document review of employment service and clinical records, agency policy and procedures

INT Interviews with clients, employment specialists, mental health staff, related program staff, families, or employers

OBS Observations of team meetings and employment specialists

IEP Individual Employment Plan

Reference:

This ANZ scale is a slight adaption of The Dartmouth Supported Employment Fidelity Scale.

Becker, D. R., Swanson, S. J., Bond, G. R., Carlson, L., Flint, L., Smith, G., et al. (2008). Supported Employment Fidelity Scale. Lebanon, NH: Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center (<http://dms.dartmouth.edu/prc/employment/>).

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Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

Criterion: Staffing

Data sourcing: MIS DOC INT OBS IEP

1. Caseload size: Employment specialists have individual employment caseloads. The maximum active caseload for any full-time employment specialist is 20 or fewer active clients. See the Fidelity Review Manual for a definition of active clients.

Anchor:

1	Ratio of 41 or more clients per employment specialist
2	Ratio of 31-40 clients per employment specialist.
3	Ratio of 26-30 clients per employment specialist.
4	Ratio of 21-25 clients per employment specialist.
5	Ratio of 20 or fewer clients per employment specialist.

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2. Employment services staff: Employment specialists provide only employment services and do not provide mental health case management services. However, employment specialists may also assist clients to solve a range of personal problems that may be barriers to employment.

Anchor:

1	Employment specialists provide employment services less than 60% of the time.
2	Employment specialists provide employment services 60 – 74% of the time.
3	Employment specialists provide employment services 75 - 89% of the time.
4	Employment specialists provide employment services 90 – 95% of the time.
5	Employment specialists provide employment services 96% of the time.

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3. Vocational generalists: Each employment specialist carries out all phases of employment service, including intake, engagement, assessment, job placement, job coaching, and follow-along support before step down to less intensive employment support from another MH practitioner. Note: It is not expected that each employment specialist will provide benefits counselling to their clients. Referrals to a highly trained benefits counsellor are in keeping with high fidelity (see Item 12).

Anchor:

1	Employment specialist only provides vocational referral service to vendors and other programs.
2	Employment specialist maintains caseload but refers clients to other programs for vocational services.
3	Employment specialist provides one to four phases of the employment service (e.g. intake, engagement, assessment, job development, job placement, job coaching, and following along supports).
4	Employment specialist provides five phases of employment service but not the entire service.
5	Employment specialist carries out all six phases of employment service (e.g. program intake, engagement, assessment, job development/job placement, job coaching, and follow-along support).

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Criterion: Organisation

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4. Integration of rehabilitation with mental health treatment through team assignment:
Employment specialists are part of up to 2 mental health treatment teams from which at least 90% of the employment specialist's caseload is comprised.

Anchor:

1	Employment specialists are part of a vocational program that functions separately from the mental health treatment.
2	Employment specialists are attached to three or more mental health treatment teams. <u>OR</u> Clients are served by individual mental health practitioners who are not organized into teams <u>OR</u> Employment specialists are attached to one or two teams from which less than 50% of the employment specialist's caseload is comprised.
3	Employment specialists are attached to one or two mental health treatment teams, from which at least 50–74% of the employment specialist's caseload is comprised.
4	Employment specialists are attached to one or two mental health treatment teams, from which at least 75 – 89% of the employment specialist's caseload is comprised.
5	Employment specialists are attached to one or two mental health treatment teams, from which at least 90 – 100% of the employment specialist's caseload is comprised.

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Criterion: **Organisation**

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5. Integration of rehabilitation with mental health treatment through frequent team member contact: Employment specialists actively participate in weekly mental health treatment team meetings (not replaced by administrative meetings) that discuss individual clients and their employment goals with shared decision-making. Employment specialist's office is in close proximity to (or shared with) their mental health treatment team members. Documentation of mental health treatment and employment services is integrated in a single client chart. Employment specialists help the team think about employment for people who haven't yet been referred to supported employment services

Anchor:

1	One or none is present	<p><u>Five key components.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment specialist attends weekly mental health treatment team meetings. • Employment specialist participates actively in treatment team meetings with shared decision-making. • Employment services documentation (vocational assessment/profile, employment plan, progress notes) is integrated into client's mental health treatment record. • Employment specialist's office is in close proximity to (or shared with) their mental health treatment team members. • Employment specialist's helps the team think about employment for people who haven't yet been referred to supported employment services.
2	Two are present	
3	Three are present	
4	Four are present	
5	Five are present	

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6. Collaboration between employment specialists and key staff members in Government income support and labour market programs. Liaison is important to promote sufficient referrals and to obtain assistance with income support and other return to work assistance. For instance in Australia this will include Centrelink staff, and independent Job Capacity Assessors and Supported Wage Scheme Assessors. In New Zealand this refers to Work and Income staff and PATHS staff. The employment specialists and related program staff have frequent contact for the purposes of identifying potential referrals, discussing shared clients, and obtaining additional assistance.

Anchor:

1	Employment specialists and related program staff have client-related contacts (phone, e-mail, in person) less than quarterly to discuss shared clients and referrals. <u>OR</u> Employment specialists and related program staff do not communicate.
2	Employment specialists and related program staff have client-related contacts (phone, e-mail, in person) at least quarterly to discuss shared clients and referrals
3	Employment specialists and related program staff have client-related contacts (phone, e-mail, in-person) monthly to discuss shared clients and referrals.
4	Employment specialists and related program staff have scheduled, face-to-face meetings at least quarterly, <u>OR</u> have client-related contacts (phone, e-mail, in person) weekly to discuss a shared clients and referrals.
5	Employment specialists and related program staff have scheduled, face-to-face meetings at least monthly and have client-related contacts (phone, e-mail, in person) weekly to discuss shared clients and referrals

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7. Vocational unit: At least 2 full-time employment specialists and a team leader comprise the employment unit. They have weekly client-based group supervision following the supported employment model in which strategies are identified and job leads are shared. They provide coverage for each other's caseload when needed.

Anchor:

1	Employment specialists are not part of a vocational unit.
2	Employment specialists have the same supervisor but do not meet as a group. They do not provide back-up services for each other's caseload.
3	Employment specialists have the same supervisor and discuss clients between each other on a weekly basis. They provide back-up services for each other's caseloads as needed. <u>OR</u> , If a program is in a rural area where employment specialists are geographically separate with one employment specialist at each site, the employment specialists meet 2-3 times monthly with their supervisor by teleconference.
4	At least 2 employment specialists and a team leader form an employment unit with 2-3 regularly scheduled meetings per month for client-based group supervision in which strategies are identified and job leads are shared and discuss clients between each other. They provide coverage for each other's caseloads when needed. <u>OR</u> , If a program is in a rural area where employment specialists are geographically separate with one employment specialist at each site, the employment specialists meet 2-3 times per month with their supervisor in person or by teleconference and mental health practitioners are available to help the employment specialist with activities such as taking someone to work or picking up job applications.
5	At least 2 full-time employment specialists and a team leader form an employment unit with weekly client-based group supervision based on the supported employment model in which strategies are identified and job leads are shared. They provide coverage for each other's caseloads when needed.

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8. Role of employment supervisor: Supported employment unit is led by a supported employment team leader. Employment specialists' skills are developed and improved through outcome-based supervision. All five key roles of the employment supervisor are present.

Anchor:

1	One or none is present	<p><u>Five key roles of the employment supervisor:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One full-time equivalent (FTE) supervisor is responsible for no more than 10 employment specialists. The supervisor does not have other supervisory responsibilities. (Program leaders supervising fewer than ten employment specialists may spend a percentage of time on other supervisory activities on a prorated basis. For example, an employment supervisor responsible for 4 employment specialists may be devoted to SE supervision half time). • Supervisor conducts weekly supported employment supervision designed to review client situations and identify new strategies and ideas to help clients in their work lives. • Supervisor communicates with mental health treatment team leaders to ensure that services are integrated, to problem solve programmatic issues (such as referral process, or transfer of follow-along to mental health workers) and to be a champion for the value of work. Attends a meeting for each mental health treatment team on a quarterly basis. • Supervisor accompanies employment specialists, who are new or having difficulty with job development, in the field monthly to improve skills by observing, modelling, and giving feedback on skills, e.g., meeting employers for job development. • Supervisor reviews current client outcomes with employment specialists and sets goals to improve program performance at least quarterly.
2	Two are present	
3	Three are present	
4	Four are present	
5	Five are present	

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9. Zero exclusion criteria: All clients interested in working have access to supported employment services, regardless of job readiness factors, substance abuse, symptoms history of violent behaviour, cognitive impairments, treatment non-adherence, and personal presentation. These apply during supported employment services too. Employment specialists offer to help with another job when one has ended, regardless of the reason that the job ended or number of jobs held. If Government Income Support or Labour market programs have screening criteria, the mental health agency does not use them to exclude anybody. Clients are not screened out formally or informally. See the Fidelity Review Manual for how to score this item when the employment specialist caseload is full and no places are currently available.

Anchor:

1	There is a formal policy to exclude clients due to lack of job readiness (e.g., substance abuse, history of violence, low level of functioning, etc.) by employment staff, case managers, or other practitioners.
2	Most clients are unable to access supported employment services due to perceived lack of job readiness (e.g., substance abuse, history of violence, low level of functioning, etc.).
3	Some clients are unable to access supported employment services due to perceived lack of job readiness (e.g., substance abuse, history of violence, low level of functioning, etc.).
4	No evidence of exclusion, formal or informal. Referrals are not solicited by a wide variety of sources. Employment specialists offer to help with another job when one has ended, regardless of the reason that the job ended or number of jobs held.
5	All clients interested in working have access to supported employment services. Mental health practitioners encourage clients to consider employment, and referrals for supported employment are solicited by many sources. Employment specialists offer to help with another job when one has ended, regardless of the reason that the job ended or number of jobs held.

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10. Agency focus on competitive employment: Agency promotes competitive work through multiple strategies. Agency intake includes questions about interest in employment. Agency displays written postings (e.g., brochures, bulletin boards, posters) about employment and supported employment services. The focus should be with the agency programs that provide services to adults with severe mental illness. Agency supports ways for clients to share work stories with other clients and staff. Agency measures rate of competitive employment and shares this information with agency leadership and staff.

Anchor:

1	One or none is present	<p>Agency promotes competitive work through multiple strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency intake includes questions about interest in employment. • Agency includes questions about interest in employment on all annual (or semi-annual assessment or treatment plan reviews. • Agency displays written postings (e.g., brochures, bulletin boards, posters) about working and supported employment services, in lobby and other waiting areas. • Agency supports ways for clients to share work stories with other clients and staff (e.g., agency-wide employment recognition events, in-service training, peer support groups, agency newsletter articles, invited speakers at client treatment groups, etc.) at least twice a year. • Agency measures rate of competitive employment on at least a quarterly basis and shares outcomes with agency leadership and staff.
2	Two are present	
3	Three are present	
4	Four are present	
5	Five are present	

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11. Executive team support for SE: Agency executive team members (e.g., CEO/Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer, QA Director, Chief Financial Officer, Clinical Director, Medical Director, Human Resource Director) assist with supported employment implementation and sustainability. All five key components of executive team support must be present for a score of 5.

Anchor:

1	One is present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director and Clinical Director demonstrate knowledge regarding the principles of evidence-based supported employment • Agency QA process includes an explicit review of the SE program, or components of the program, at least every 6 months through the use of the Supported Employment Fidelity Scale or until achieving high fidelity, and at least yearly thereafter. Agency QA process uses the results of the fidelity assessment to improve SE implementation and sustainability. • At least one member of the executive team actively participates at SE leadership team meetings (steering committee meetings) that occur at least every six months for high fidelity programs and at least quarterly for programs that have not yet achieved high fidelity. Steering committee is defined as a diverse group of stakeholders charged with reviewing fidelity, program implementation and the service delivery system. Committee develops written action plans aimed at developing or sustaining high fidelity services. • The agency CEO/Executive Director communicates how SE services support the mission of the agency and articulates clear and specific goals for SE and/or competitive employment to all agency staff during the first six months and at least annually (i.e., SE kickoff, all-agency meetings, agency newsletters, etc.). This team is not delegated to another administrator. • SE program leader shares information about EBP barriers and facilitators with the executive team (including the CEO) at least twice each year. The executive team helps the program leader identify and implement solutions to barriers.
2	Two are present	
3	Three are present	
4	Four are present	
5	Five are present	

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Criterion: Services

Data sourcing: MIS DOC INT OBS IEP

12. Work incentives planning: All clients are offered assistance in obtaining comprehensive individualised work incentives planning before starting a new job and assistance accessing work incentives planning thereafter when making decisions about changes in work hours and pay. Work incentives planning includes the impact on all sources of income and fringe benefits (health services and medication costs, rent subsidies, transport concessions, employment entry payments) and all costs associated with commencing or changing employment. Clients are provided information and assistance about reporting earnings to Centrelink (Australia) or Work and Income (New Zealand), and any other program e.g. Housing, Veterans Affairs, that needs to know the new income details.

Anchor:

1	Work incentives planning is not readily available or easily accessible to most clients served by the agency.
2	Employment specialist gives client contact information about where to access information about work incentives planning.
3	Employment specialist discusses with each client changes in benefits based on work status.
4	Employment specialist or other MH practitioner offers clients assistance in obtaining comprehensive, individualized work incentives planning by a person trained in work incentives planning prior to client starting a job.
5	Employment specialist or other MH practitioner offer clients assistance in obtaining comprehensive, individualized work incentives planning by a specially trained work incentives planner prior to starting a job. They also facilitate access to work incentives planning when clients need to make decisions about changes in work hours and pay. Clients are provided information and assistance about reporting earnings to SSA(define??), housing programs, etc, depending on the person's benefits.

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Criterion: Services

Data sourcing: MIS DOC INT OBS IEP

13. Disclosure: Employment specialists provide clients with accurate information and assist with evaluating their choices to make an informed decision regarding what is revealed to the employer about having a disability.

Anchor:

1	None is present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment specialists do not require all clients to disclose their psychiatric disability at the work site in order to receive services. • Employment specialists offer to discuss with clients the possible costs and benefits (pros and cons) of disclosure at the work site in advance of clients disclosing at the work site. Employment specialists describe how disclosure relates to requesting accommodations and the employment specialist's role communicating with the employer. • Employment specialists discuss specific information to be disclosed (e.g., disclose receiving mental health treatment, or presence of a psychiatric disability, or difficulty with anxiety, or unemployed for a period of time, etc.) and offers examples of what could be said to employers. • Employment specialists discuss disclosure on more than one occasion (e.g., if clients have not found employment after two months or if clients report difficulties on the job.)
2	One is present	
3	Two are present	
4	Three are present	
5	Four are present	

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14. Ongoing, work-based vocational assessment: Initial vocational assessment occurs over 2-3 sessions and is updated with information from work experiences in competitive jobs. A vocational profile form that includes information about preferences, experiences, skills, current adjustment, strengths, personal contacts, etc, is upgraded with each new job experience. Aims at problem solving using environmental assessments and consideration of reasonable accommodations. Sources of information include the client, treatment team, clinical records and with the client's permission, information from family members and previous employers.

Anchor:

1	Vocational evaluation is conducted prior to job placement with emphasis on office-based assessments, standardized tests, intelligence tests, work samples.
2	Vocational assessment may occur through a stepwise approach that includes: prevocational work experiences (e.g., work units in a day program), volunteer jobs, or set aside jobs (e.g., agency-run businesses, sheltered workshop jobs, affirmative businesses, enclaves).
3	Employment specialists assist clients in finding competitive jobs directly without systematically reviewing interests, experiences, strengths etc. and do not routinely analyse job loss (or job problems) for lessons learned.
4	Initial vocational assessment occurs over 2-3 sessions in which interests and strengths are explored. Employment specialists help clients learn from each job experience and also work with the treatment team to analyse job loss, job problems and job successes. They do not document these lessons learned in the vocational profile, <u>OR</u> The vocational profile is not updated on a regular basis.
5	Initial vocational assessment occurs over 2-3 sessions and information is documented on a vocational profile form that includes preferences, experiences, skills, current adjustment, strengths, personal contacts, etc. The vocational profile form is used to identify job types and work environments. It is updated with each new job experience. Aims at problem solving using environmental assessments and consideration of reasonable accommodations. Sources of information include the client, treatment team, clinical records, and with the client's permission, from family members and previous employers. Employment specialists help clients learn from each job experience and also work with the treatment team to analyse job loss, job problems and job successes.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

Criterion: Services

Data sourcing: MIS DOC INT OBS IEP

15. Rapid job search for competitive job: Initial employment assessment and first face-to-face employer contact by the client or the employment specialist about a competitive job occurs within 30 days (one month) after program entry.

Anchor:

1	First face-to-face contact with an employer by the client or the employment specialist about a competitive job is on average 271 days or more (>9months) after program entry.
2	First face-to-face contact with an employer by the client or the employment specialist about a competitive job is on average 151 and 270 days (5-9 months) after program entry.
3	First face-to-face contact with an employer by the client or the employment specialist about a competitive job is on average between 61 and 150 days (2-5 months) after a program entry.
4	First face to face contact with an employer by the client or the employment specialist about a competitive job is on average between 31 and 60 days (1-2 months) after program entry.
5	The program tracks employer contacts and the first face-to-face contact with an employer by the client or the employment specialist about a competitive job is on average within 30 days (one month) after program entry.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

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16. Individualised job search: Employment specialists make employer contacts aimed at making a good job match based on client's preferences (relating to what each person enjoys and their personal goals) and needs (including experience, ability, symptoms, health, etc) rather than the job market (i.e., those jobs that are readily available). An individualised job search plan is developed and updated with information from the vocational assessment/profile form and new job/educational experiences.

Anchor:

1	Less than 25% of employer contacts by the employment specialist are based on job choices which reflect client's preferences, strengths, symptoms, etc. rather than the job market.
2	25-49% of employer contacts by the employment specialist are based on job choices which reflect client's preferences, strengths, symptoms, etc. rather than the job market.
3	50-74% of employer contacts by the employment specialist are based on job choices which reflect client's preferences, strengths, symptoms, etc., rather than the job market.
4	75-89% of employer contacts by the employment specialist are based on job choices which reflect client's preferences, strengths, symptoms, etc., rather than the job market and are consistent with the current employment plan.
5	Employment specialists makes employer contacts based on job choices which reflect client's preferences, strengths, symptoms, lessons learned from previous jobs etc., 90-100% of the time rather than the job market and are consistent with the current employment/job search plan. When clients have limited work experience, employment specialists provide information about a range of job options in the community.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

Criterion: Services

Data sourcing: MIS DOC INT OBS IEP

17. Job development - Frequent employer contact: Each employment specialist makes at least 6 face-to-face employer contacts per week on behalf of clients looking for work. (Rate for each then calculate average and use the closest scale point). An employer contact is counted even when an employment specialist meets the same employer more than one time in a week, and when the client is present or not present. Client-specific and generic contacts are included. Employment specialists use a weekly tracking form to document employer contacts.

Anchor:

1	Employment specialist makes less than 2 face-to-face employer contacts that are client-specific per week.
2	Employment specialist makes 2 face-to-face employer contacts per week that are client-specific, <u>OR</u> Does not have a process for tracking.
3	Employment specialist makes 4 face-to-face employer contacts per week that are client-specific, and uses a tracking form that is reviewed by the SE supervisor on a monthly basis.
4	Employment specialist makes 5 face-to-face employer contacts per week that are client-specific, and uses a tracking form that is reviewed by the SE supervisor on a weekly basis.
5	Employment specialist makes 6 or more face-to-face employer contacts per week that are client specific, or 2 employer contacts times the number of people looking for work when there are less than 3 people looking for work on their caseload (e.g., new program). In addition, employment specialist keeps records that can be reviewed by a supervisor on a weekly basis.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

Criterion: Services

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18. Job development - Quality of employer contact: Employment specialists build relationships with employers through multiple visits in person that are planned to learn the needs of the employer, convey what the SE program offers to the employer, describe client strengths that are a good match for the employer (Rate for each employment specialist, then calculate average and use the closest scale point).

Anchor:

1	Employment specialist meets employer when helping client to turn in job applications, <u>OR</u> Employment specialist rarely makes employer contacts.
2	Employment specialists contacts employer to ask about job openings and then shares these "leads" with clients.
3	Employment specialist follows up on advertised job openings by introducing self, describing program, and asking employer to interview client.
4	Employment specialist meets with employers in person whether or not there is a job opening, advocates for clients by describing strengths and asks employers to interview clients.
5	Employment specialist builds relationships with employers through multiple visits in person that are planned to learn the needs of the employer, convey what the SE program offers to the employer, describe client strengths that are a good match for the employer.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

Criterion: Services

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19. Diversity of job types: Employment specialists assist clients in obtaining different types of jobs.

Anchor:

1	Employment specialists assist clients obtain different types of jobs less than 50% of the time.
2	Employment specialists assist clients obtain different types of jobs 50-59% of the time.
3	Employment specialists assist clients obtain different types of jobs 60-69% of the time.
4	Employment specialists assist clients obtain different types of jobs 70-84% of the time.
5	Employment specialists assist clients obtain different types of jobs 85-100% of the time.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

Criterion: Services

Data sourcing: MIS DOC INT OBS IEP

20. Diversity of employers: Employment specialists assist clients in obtaining jobs with different employers.

Anchor:

1	Employment specialists assist clients obtain jobs with different employers less than 50% of the time.
2	Employment specialists assist clients obtain jobs with the same employers 50-59% of the time.
3	Employment specialists assist clients obtain jobs with different employers 60-69% of the time.
4	Employment specialists assist clients obtain jobs with different employers 70-84% of the time.
5	Employment specialists assist clients obtain jobs with different employers 85-100% of the time.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

Criterion: Services

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21. Competitive jobs: Employment specialists provide competitive job options that have permanent status rather than temporary or time-limited status, e.g., TE (transitional employment positions). Competitive jobs pay at least minimum wage, are jobs that anyone can apply for and are not set aside for people with disabilities. (Seasonal jobs and jobs from temporary agencies that other community members use are counted as competitive jobs.)

Anchor:

1	Employment specialists provide options for permanent, competitive jobs less than 64% of the time, <u>OR</u> There are fewer than 10 current jobs.
2	Employment specialists provide options for permanent, competitive jobs about 65-74% of the time.
3	Employment specialists provide options for permanent competitive jobs about 75-84% of the time.
4	Employment specialists provide options for permanent competitive jobs about 85-94% of the time.
5	95% or more competitive jobs held by clients are permanent.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

Criterion: Services

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22. Individualized follow-along support: Clients receive different types of support for working a job that are based on the job, client preferences, work history, needs, etc. Supports are provided by a variety of people, including treatment team members (e.g., medication changes, social skills training, encouragement), family, friends, co-workers (i.e., natural supports), and employment specialist. Employment specialist also provides employer support (e.g., educational information, job accommodations) at client's request. Employment specialist offers help with career development, i.e., assistance with education, a more desirable job, or more preferred job duties.

Anchor:

1	Most clients do not receive supports after starting a job.
2	About half of the working clients receive a narrow range of supports provided primarily by the employment specialist.
3	Most working clients receive a narrow range of supports that are provided primarily by the employment specialist.
4	Clients receive different types of support for working a job that are based on the job, client preferences, work history, needs, etc. Employment specialists provide employer supports at the client's request.
5	Clients receive different types of support for working a job that are based on the job, client preferences, work history, needs, etc. Employment specialist also provides employer support (e.g., educational information, job accommodations) at client's request. The employment specialist helps people move onto more preferable jobs and also helps people with school or certified training programs. The site provides examples of different types of support including enhanced supports by treatment team members.

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Criterion: Services

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23. Time-unlimited follow-along supports: Employment specialists have face-to-face contact within 1 week before starting a job, within 3 days after starting a job, weekly for the first month, and at least monthly for a year or more, on average, after working steadily and as desired by clients. Clients are transitioned to step down job supports from a mental health worker following steady employment. Employment specialists contact clients within 3 days of learning about the job loss.

Anchor:

1	Employment specialist does not meet face-to-face with the client after the first month of starting a job.
2	Employment specialist has face-to-face contact with less than half of the working clients for at least 4 months after starting a job.
3	Employment specialist has face-to-face contact with at least half of the working clients for at least 4 months after starting a job.
4	Employment specialist has face-to-face contact with working clients weekly for the first month after starting a job, and at least monthly for a year or more, on average, after working steadily, and as desired by clients.
5	Employment specialist has face-to-face contact within 1 week before starting a job, within 3 days after starting a job, weekly for the first month, and at least monthly for a year or more, on average, after working steadily and as desired by clients. Clients may be transitioned to intermittent support, or regular monitoring, following steady employment. Employment specialist contacts clients within 3 days of hearing about the job loss.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

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24. Community-based services: Employment services such as engagement, job finding and follow-along supports are provided in natural community settings by all employment specialists. (Rate each employment specialist based upon their total weekly scheduled work hours, then calculate the average and use the closest scale point).

Anchor:

1	Employment specialist spends 30% time or less in the scheduled work hours in the community.
2	Employment specialist spends 30-39% time of total scheduled work hours in the community.
3	Employment specialist spends 40-49% of total scheduled work hours in the then community.
4	Employment specialist spends 50-64 % of total scheduled work hours in the community.
5	Employment specialist spends 65% or more of total scheduled work hours in the community.

Directions: Circle one anchor number for each criterion

Criterion: Services

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25. Assertive engagement and outreach by integrated treatment team: Service termination is not based on missed appointments or fixed time limits. Systematic documentation of outreach attempts. Engagement and outreach attempts made by integrated team members. Multiple home/community visits. Coordinated visits by employment specialist with integrated team member. Connect with family, when applicable. Once it is clear that the client no longer wants to work or continue SE services, the team stops outreach.

Anchor:

1	Evidence that 2 or less strategies for engagement and outreach are used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service termination is not based on missed appointments or fixed time limits. • Systematic documentation of outreach attempts. • Engagement and outreach attempts made by integrated team members. • Multiple home/community visits. • Coordinated visits by employment specialist with integrated team member. • Connect with family, when applicable.
2	Evidence that 3 strategies for engagement and outreach are used	
3	Evidence that 4 strategies for engagement and outreach are used	
4	Evidence that 5 strategies for engagement and outreach are used	
5	Evidence that all 6 strategies for engagement and outreach are used	