

Choose Work Choose Earnings Choose Success

The Disability Benefits and Employment Training Unit is a part of the Behavioral Health Training Services (BHTS) department. BHTS works to address occupational community-based shortages in the public mental health system. It is funded by the Workforce Education and Training component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and is focused on training staff members with the necessary skill sets to provide services in accordance with MHSA principles offering education and training that promote wellness, recovery and resilience to county staff and that of contracting community partners.

Benefits, Employment and Choices



Behavioral Health Training Services

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Program Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Useful Resources:

Community Work Incentive Coordinator

(CWIC) Project Independence

(714) 549-3464 x.228

www.db101.org

www.ssa.gov

www.choosework.net

Behavioral Health Training Services (BHTS) is funded through Workforce, Education and Training (WVET), a component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). BHTS manages and provides training under MHSA funded programs to the staff of the Health Care Agency/ Behavioral Health Services, as well as to County and community agencies that partner with HCA.

OC Pathways Towards Employment



Behavioral Health Training Services (BHTS) Consumer and Care Coordinators Training





Training Approach



Our Services

Our Behavioral Health Training Services (BHTS) Disability Benefits and Employment Trainings Unit provides trainings, resources, consultation, support and encouragement to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Beneficiaries and Plan Coordinators.

This unit is designed to assist clients in making their best decisions, in order to maximize benefits, maintain wellness and independence. Our expertise covers a range of services including:

- SSI and SSDI Work Incentive Rules
- Ticket To Work
- Reporting and Overpayment
- Medi-Cal/Medicare
- Housing

Program Goals

- Reduce anxiety or fear of losing SSI/SSDI benefits while you're working
- Reduce myths, misconceptions and discrimination about disabilities and employment that prevent individuals from working
- Educate consumers about the options and choices of SSI/SSDI work incentive rules and employment
- Equip Plan Coordinators with effective tools to become a great resource about SSI/SSDI work incentives and employment for the consumers
- Educate consumers/care coordinators about Ticket To Work program which provides employment supports services such as vocational rehabilitation, job search/placement, career choices, ongoing support services and more

"It's about choices and opportunities!"



How to request for training and resources

Call or email BHTS at
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