

Supported Education Research Information

What is Supported Education?

Educational specialists help students with Mental Health disabilities to obtain:

Educational Planning	Coping Skills	Library Supports
Resources	Academic Supports	Mentoring
Course Selection	Tutoring	Career Development
Financial Aid	Accommodations	Other Resources & Info.

These supports or accommodations help students to complete their post secondary education goals.

Studies suggest that:

Individuals with Mental Health disabilities can:

- Identify educational goals
- Achieve good grades
- Complete their education
- Learn to cope with barriers to their education

Much of the research that has been done to date, however, did not have strong designs and it is clear that new research is needed to investigate the up to date kinds of supported education services and their impact.

Advocacy for Supported Education in MA

About 85% of people with severe Mental Health disabilities are unemployed and many of these could benefit from training or education to become more employable.

The primary source and resource of Supported Education in MA (about 22 SEE programs including CAUSE) closed this past year due to budget cuts.

Education and Training – **with support** – can help individuals with Mental Health disabilities to move out of poverty and into meaningful employment. Research from the past ten years was recently summarized by the Supported Education Study Group at Boston University Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation * and from this summary it is clear that new research is needed in the area of Supported Education in order to determine the best ways to help consumers achieve their educational goals.

Survey/Feedback

Please let us know if this information was helpful to you. We are trying to provide information useful for advocacy on Supported Education. Please comment on the LEM (Lived Experience of Massachusetts) forum Supported Education thread at www.lemforum.org , You may also email Susan Landy susanl@transformation-center.org if/how you found the information helpful and how you think it might be used. A third option is to take this quick survey. Click here:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SDyA3VPT8lpJe00ebRzWOA_3d_3d

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