SAMHSA’S Mental Health Transformation Grant Profile: Peers Employed in Evidence-Based Practice for Recovery (PEER)
Kalamazoo County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Mission:
utilize the recovery-oriented workforce in Southwest Michigan to successfully employ peers in evidence-based practices (EBPs) on outcomes and systems change

Counties Served
* Kalamazoo
* Allegan
* Cass
* St. Joseph

Primary Focus:
Jobs & Economy

7 implementation sites

Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment / Assertive Community Treatment
Supported Employment
Supported Housing
Supported Education

Peer Involvement
Co-lead Evaluation Team
PEER Evaluation Workgroup
Marketing Team
Lead Wellness/Recovery Groups
Certified Peer Support Specialists
Certified Peer Support Specialist Trainers

Impact
14% increase in consumers reporting positive everyday life functioning
10% no psychological distress symptoms
12% no illegal drug use
15% social connectedness
29% stable housing
(al of respondents receiving Supported Housing
36% education/employment
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85% follow-up rate

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