Transforming Lives Through Supported Employment: SAMHSA’s Supported Employment Grant Program (SEP)

Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS) SE Program, Connecticut

Implementation Sites: Capitol Regional Mental Health Center (CRMHC) and Hispanic Health Council (Hartford); Connecticut Mental Health Center (CMHC) and Career Resources (New Haven)

Special Population Focus (if applicable): Latinos; individuals with justice involvement

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Description of Peer Involvement: Persons in Recovery are part of the statewide Supported Employment Coordinating Committee (SECC). One of the grantee’s goals is to increase peers in the supported employment workforce over the course of this grant.

Service Goals: 50 YR1, 100 YRS2-5 (450 total)

Project Description: The CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) will use the Transforming Lives through Supported Employment Program grant to enhance state and community capacity to provide evidence-based supported employment (SE) programs to better serve Latinos and individuals with criminal justice involvement with serious mental illnesses. The CT Supported Employment Program focuses on reducing health disparities for DMHAS connected individuals who have serious mental illness, with or without co-occurring substance use disorders.