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

Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Supported Employment Project, Ohio

Implementation Sites: Daybreak Inc. (Montgomery County, SW region); Firelands Counseling Center (Erie & Ottawa County, N region)

Special Population Focus (if applicable): Transitional age youth (Daybreak)

Project Director: Mindy Vance

Project Team Members:

Description of Peer Involvement: Two Peer Specialists at each site

Service Goals: 50 YR1 (450 total)

Project Description: The Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and partners will implement the Ohio Supported Employment Project to reduce the high unemployment rates for young adults/adults with a severe and persistent mental illness who may have co-occurring substance use disorders. Two local sites will implement new programs, and a committee will oversee statewide training, policy changes, and evaluation. The evidence-based practice of Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment will be shared statewide through training and technical assistance.