



Employment Providers Receive Recognition:

On Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the DMHAS Employment Supervisors meeting several employment programs received Commissioner's Recognition Awards for Service Excellence.

The following providers received awards for Exemplary Fidelity Ratings:

Ability Beyond – Norwalk, APT Foundation, Bridges Health Care, Capitol Region Mental Health – LMHA, Community Mental Health Affiliates, Connecticut Mental Health Center – LMHA, Easter Seals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut, Fellowship Place, Goodwill of Southern New England (Easter Seals Goodwill Industries), Goodwill of Western & Northern Connecticut, Hispanic Health Council, Intercommunity, Kennedy Center – Bridgeport, Marrakech – New Haven, Marrakech – Stamford, Mental Health Connecticut (Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program), Reliance Health, River Valley Services, River Valley Services – LMHA, Rushford, Southwest Connecticut Mental Health Center – LMHA. The most improved program award for fidelity went to **APT Foundation**.

Five providers received excellence awards for an exemplary fidelity rating for Time Spent in the Community – one of the basic tenants of supported employment: Community Mental Health Affiliates, Easter Seals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut; Fellowship Place; Intercommunity, and River Valley Services.

Awards for the Top Ten Employment rates went to the following: A four-way tie for 10th place: Reliance Health, BH Care – Valley, Intercommunity ROES Program – New London, and Goodwill of Southern New England (Easter Seals Goodwill Industries) – SHP Program; 9th place – BH Care – Shoreline; 8th Place – Intercommunity ROES Program Hartford, 7th Place – John J. Driscoll United Labor Agency, 6th place – Prime Time House, 5th Place – Ability Beyond – Norwalk, 4th place – Easter Seals Capital Region & Eastern Connecticut, 3rd Place – Kennedy Center – Bridgeport, 2nd place – Fellowship Place, and first place – Mental Health Connecticut – Deaf and hard of Hearing Program. The most improved program for employment rate went to **Hispanic Health Council**.

Congratulations to all employment providers on a successful year serving 4580 clients with 1899 clients (41%) successfully employed. It is through the hard work and dedication of these employment providers that the DMHAS overall employment state average continues to improve, increasing 12% points in the last four years.