

## Supported Employment Programs Recognized for Outstanding Achievement

The Commissioner's Client to Employment Recovery Policy states the DMHAS recognizes that gainful employment is essential for most people's well-being. Employment makes recovery from and dealing with psychiatric and/or addiction disorders easier and increases self-esteem and satisfaction with one's daily life.

On February 19, 2015, the DMHAS Supported Employment Program recognized 15 programs for outstanding achievement. Commissioner's Recognition Awards were presented to employment program supervisors by Nancy Navarretta, Director of Behavioral Health.

Seven programs were recognized for achieving **Exemplary Fidelity** to the *Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model of Supported Employment for 2013-2014*:

Community Mental Health Affiliates (New Britain)  
Mental Health Association (Waterbury)  
Mental Health Association (West Hartford)  
Easter Seals Capital Region and Eastern Connecticut (East Hartford)  
Southeastern Mental Health Authority (Norwich)  
Ability Beyond (Norwalk/Stamford)  
The Kennedy Center (Trumbull)

For achieving the **Highest Increase in % of People Employed 2014 vs. 2013**, three programs were recognized:

Intercommunity (East Hartford),  
Marrakech (Stamford), and  
United Services (Willimantic)

And finally, six programs were recognized for achieving the **Highest Rate of Employment for 2014**:

Ability Beyond (Danbury)  
Mental Health Association (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program – West Hartford)  
Laurel House (Stamford)  
Ability Beyond (Norwalk/Stamford)  
United Labor Agency (Middletown)  
ICRC/CCAR ROES Program (Hartford)

Congratulations to all of these programs on their outstanding achievements.