

RECOVERY THROUGH WORK *Partnerships*

Based on the ICCD* Model, for persons living with serious mental illnesses
A back-to-basics, no nonsense approach to the current crisis in mental health

- 1 in 4 families are affected by schizophrenia, bipolar, major depression, PTSD and other mental illnesses.
- Psychiatric illnesses comprise the largest disability group dependent on governmental benefits.
- The criminal justice system is Florida's largest treatment facility for persons living with mental illnesses.
- A significant percentage of the homeless population has untreated mental illnesses.
- 85% unemployment rate for persons living with mental illnesses. (This is the highest unemployment rate of any disability group.)

High taxpayer burden

Crisis is deepening

Scope of the Problem

SOLUTION : self-empowerment & earning one's place in society

Employment

Business partnerships

Reduction in governmental benefits

Increased productivity

Competitive employment

Rehabilitation Services:

- Vocational training
- Skill development
- Educational and Housing supports
- Job Coaches

Community Building:

- Reintegration
- End to isolation
- Reduces stigma
- Social supports
- Dignity & respect



November 2010: Vincent House member Erin Gleason, age 35, working a competitive job for the first time in her life. She is a Mail Clerk at the Pinellas County Public Defender's Office

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What is a *Recovery Through Work* Partnership?

Recovery Through Work partnerships are wellness-focused rehabilitation programs for persons living with serious mental illnesses. These programs are based on a unique collaboration between businesses, families, community leaders and rehabilitation professionals. *Recovery Through Work* partnerships are busy, cheerful places, organized around an eight-hour workday, five days a week.

What makes *Recovery Through Work* so effective?

Recovery Through Work partnerships utilize work as the means to end cycles of isolation, homelessness, unemployment, hospitalization and/or incarceration. *Recovery Through Work* programs offer participants (called "members") the opportunity to develop their skills and abilities through pre-vocational training. Reintegration into the society is strengthened by paid employment opportunities, including Transitional, Supported and Independent Employment with local businesses. **In 2010, a total of 160 members of Florida's *Recovery Through Work* partnerships were employed by 70 different businesses and collectively earned \$590,863.**

Additionally, ICCD-certified programs have been shown to reduce hospitalization and incarceration rates of persons living with mental illnesses.

What is the ICCD?

The ICCD, or International Center for Clubhouse Development, is the governing body of a global network of psychiatric rehabilitation programs and offers training, standards in best practices and quality assurance by way of International Certification. Florida's *Recovery Through Work* partnerships base their practices on ICCD Standards.

How do costs¹ compare?

\$50	\$180	\$1,000	\$40,000	\$40,500
Daily cost/person Recovery Through Work Partnerships	Daily cost/person Psychiatric Treatment Outpatient	Daily cost/person Psychiatric Treatment Inpatient	Annual cost/person (costs to society) Incarceration	Annual cost/person (costs to society) Homelessness

¹ Sources for cost analysis include SAMHSA, the Public Defender's Office and Pinellas County providers. For more information, contact Vincent House (see below)

Where can I visit a *Recovery Through Work* program?

Florida has three ICCD-certified, *Recovery Through Work* programs that are open to visitors. Please call to schedule an appointment for a visit:

Club Success, Lakeland
863-413-3267

Sedona House, Lake Mary
407-321-7015

Vincent House, Pinellas Park
727-541-0321

There are also several *Recovery Through Work* start-up programs in Florida. If you would like to know whether there is a program in your area, please contact:

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