

New Research Center

To Support the Transition from School to Work In Those with Serious Mental Health Conditions

The University of Massachusetts Medical School's Center for Mental Health Services Research and Department of Psychiatry have been awarded a 5-year, \$4 million grant to create and sustain The Learning and Working During the Transition to Adulthood Rehabilitation Research and Training Center. The Center will be funded from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014.

The Learning and Working RTC aims to support the successful completion of education and training and movement into rewarding and sustaining work lives in young people, ages 14-30, with serious mental health conditions. The Center develops and translates knowledge from state of the art rigorous research focused on education, training and working. The research emphasizes knowledge that can inform interventions by examining the population, the interventions, and the systems involved. The Center's research and dissemination activities are guided by transition age youth and young adult consumer and family input. The translation of this knowledge speeds capacity building for service providers and the movement of findings into practice and policy.

A website for the new Learning and Working During the Transition to Adulthood RTC is under development. Information and announcements about the new RTC can be found currently on the website of the Center for Mental Health Services Research: <http://www.umassmed.edu/cmhsr/index.aspx>.

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