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## **DBHDD Supported Employment (SE)**

## **Dartmouth Individual Placement and Supports (IPS)**

## **Fidelity Review Reports**

**Purpose:** The Dartmouth IPS Fidelity Scale was developed to measure the adequacy of Supported Employment program implementation and service delivery. SE Fidelity monitoring ascertains a measurement of the provider's current practices based upon clinical records reviews, staff interviews, and interviews with consumers; along with administrative documents. The fidelity score and composite report can assist you in practice planning and quality improvement and can assist in providing technical assistance to your professional employees.

**Method:** The DBHDD SE Fidelity Review Team completes a IPS fidelity review annually on all SE providers in the state of Georgia the review includes the following activities:

Interviews with several staff including but not limited to :

- a.) SE team staff
- b.) Provider administrative staff
- c.) Individuals who receive SE ser vices
- 2.) Observation of SE supervision meeting, mental health treatment team meeting, and job

development in the community.

- 3.) Chart Review of at least 20% of the overall SE providers census ( 6 minimum)
- 4.) Field Observation
- 5.) Wrap-Up Discussion with SE staff and Regional Office
- 6.) Exit interview with SE team, provider leadership, Regional and State Office

## 7.) Technical Assistance session with SE provider

The IPS Supported Employment Fidelity Scale measures three aspects of the program: staffing, organization, and services. Each item is rated on a 5-point response format, ranging from 1 = no implementation to 5 = full implementation, with intermediate numbers representing progressively greater degrees of implementation. Each SE IPS review summary report is provided and includes the completed scale, IPS total score, a detailed description of each IPS item by section and the rating for each item.