

Behavioral Health Cooperative



**Employment Readiness Class
Staff & Students**

Goodwill ~ Redwood Empire (GIRE), in partnership with Department of Rehabilitation and Sonoma County Behavioral Health, assists individuals living with mental health challenges to find, obtain and retain employment. Each participant receives assistance tailored to their goals and aptitude.

Program support includes, but is not limited to, resume development, interviewing skills, including mock interviews, networking, cultivating active job leads, improving communication skills, obtaining unsubsidized employment in the community, and post-employment job coaching for up to 90 days. In addition to job development and placement opportunities, the Co-Op offers a paid 90-day Work Adjustment Training program where participants work in a supportive work environment, with a skills trainer, to develop good work habits. Employment readiness classes are conducted weekly. Participants are referred to GIRE through the Department of Rehabilitation and must have a documented disability.

The Behavioral Health Co-Op has successfully assisted persons with mental health challenges meet their employment goals for more than 20 years. The Co-Op utilizes pre-employment readiness classes, employment services and provides 90 days of on- or off-site job support related to personnel issues, change in job duties, or job performance challenges.

For more information about how to access the benefits of the Co-Op or to schedule an informational presentation, contact: Laura Hodge, Consumer Liaison, (707) 523-0550, ext. 205.

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