

# VOCATIONAL SERVICES

Vocational Services can be reached at 661-868-5102

### Location:

The Vocational Services Team is located at 5121 Stockdale Hwy., Suite 150, Bakersfield

### Business Hours:

Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday, closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

### Funding:

The Vocational Services Team is a division of the Kern County Mental Health Department, Recovery Supports Administration. There is no cost for Vocational Services programs.

## World of Work

To hear more about services or to enroll, attend the World of Work Orientation held every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at 5121 Stockdale Hwy. Bakersfield, CA

### MISSION Statement

Working together to achieve hope, healing and a meaningful life in the community.

### VISION Statement

People with mental illness and addictions recover to achieve their hopes and dreams, enjoy opportunities to learn, work, and contribute to their community.

### VALUES Statements

- Hope, Healing, Community, Authority
- We honor the potential in everyone
- We value the whole person – mind, body and spirit
- We focus on the person, not the illness
- We embrace diversity and cultural competence
- We acknowledge that relapse is not a personal failure
- We recognize authority over our lives empowers us to make choices, solve problems and plan for the future



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Commission on Accreditation  
of Rehabilitation Facilities

Kern County Mental Health has been accredited by CARF for the following programs: Mental Health Programs- Case Management; Children and Adolescents-Case Management & Crisis Stabilization; Integrated Alcohol & Other Drugs-Case Management & Children & Adolescents-Case Management; Employment Services-Community Employment Services



Kern County Mental Health Department

*Working together toward  
Hope, Recovery and Independence*

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## THE MISSION

The Vocational Services Team strives to provide adults with psychiatric disabilities or co-occurring substance use disorders with vocational assessment, job preparation and development, benefits counseling, and support in securing and maintaining gainful employment, education, or community work activity.

### “CHOOSE - GET - KEEP”

Vocational Services uses a “Choose - Get - Keep” model to help individuals reach their employment goals.

**Choose:** Vocational Services assists individuals in determining the type of employment they would like.

**Get:** Vocational Services assists individuals with employment related goals such as developing a resume and a master application, interview techniques, choosing and obtaining appropriate work attire, barrier identification, job development and retention strategies.

**Keep:** Vocational Services provides on- and off-site job follow along support to enhance and encourage retention. Assistance with Social Security “employment support” rules is available.

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

**On Track Employment Services** - A cooperative program with the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). Staff provide personalized job preparation and job search skills assistance along with job development/placement assistance and job retention services.

**Eligibility:** Individuals must be referred by the DOR. There is no cost for these services.

**All Aboard** - Provides pre-employment support and assistance, referral to other agencies as appropriate, job search assistance, and follow along job retention assistance.

**Eligibility:** Requires Medi-Cal, a referral from a case worker/coordinator, and a desire to investigate employment options.



## BACKGROUND

*Vocational Services recognizes an obligation to enhance the general welfare of people by broadening social acceptance through education and outreach within our business community.*

**MHSA Employment Services** - Provides employment related support and assistance services to individuals interested in entering or re-entering the workforce. Services include job exploration, job preparation and job search assistance. Connections to community resources are provided as appropriate.

**Eligibility** - Requires a referral from an MHSA team: TAY, ATT, ACT or WISE.



**Benefits Counseling** - Designed to address the fears and concerns that individuals who receive Social Security benefits have about how earnings impact these benefits. Benefits counseling provides information about Social Security “employment support” rules.

**Eligibility:** This service is available at no cost to consumers, family members, service staff and community members.

