

Group Discovery

Sedgwick and Butler County



What Is Group Discovery?

The Workforce Centers of South Central Kansas in partnership with South Central Mental Health (SCMHCC) in Butler County and the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) in Wichita are working together to provide groups of clients of SCMHCC and ILRC a guided Group Discovery to employment, whether that is self-employment, customized employment, or traditional employment.

How Does It Work?

Using materials and guided by training and technical assistance through the LEAD Center, staff from Workforce co-facilitate with staff from both SCMHCC and ILRC to help Discovery Group participants decide what kind of employment best suits their individual situations and develop a “Blueprint for Employment” that will help participants identify a pathway to employment.

What Presentations Does The Group Receive?

In addition to written workshop materials, the Group Discovery process is supplemented by local supports including presentations from Kansas Working Healthy, the Work Incentive Planning Assistance (WIPA) program housed at the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation, and a Workforce presentation on utilizing O-Net’s My Next Move.

What Are The Outcomes?

Both groups in Butler County and Wichita are still in process, but progress with all participants is being made as one in Butler County has obtained employment and many others who haven’t applied for jobs in years have begun to submit applications and seek out resources to help support them in their return to work.