

DEFINITION OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Supported Employment is an approach to assisting individuals with barriers to employment to prepare for, obtain and maintain integrated community based paid employment. A variety of supports are tailored to individual requirements. Employment is defined as an employer-employee relationship or self-employment.

WHAT IS SETI?

Since 2000, annual funding of approximately \$300,000 is available to Community Based Organizations for supported employment initiatives. SARC administered the funding that is received by Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration and is administered by SARC.

The SETI Call for Proposals is distributed via email in January of each year. The deadline for applications is February 1.

Agencies are encouraged to partner with existing funding agencies in their communities, such as Service Canada and/or CanSask.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the initiative is to encourage Community Based Organizations to develop, build capacity or enhance current supported employment services in their communities.

TRAINING

It is mandatory for all SETI funded projects to take four days of training that focus on supported employment and making it work within the community. It is offered via the SETI Coordinator and is held in April of each year.

Funded projects are also provided professional development through two mandatory project meetings each year.

For individual interested in furthering their education in this area, SIAST has developed two courses: Supported Employment Job Coach Roles and Responsibilities (SUPP 1801) and Supported Employment Job Coach Strategies and Techniques (SUPP 1802). Information is available on their website at www.siastr.sk.ca

BURSARIES

Bursaries for the SIAST courses are available through the Provincial Training Committee (funded by the Ministry of Social Services) and are administered through SARC. They cover the cost of tuition and they are awarded on a first come first served basis each fiscal year.

WHAT HAS SETI FUNDED?

- ❖ Direct services to employ persons with disabilities, which includes Job Developer and Employment Specialist positions
- ❖ Supported Employment Best Practice Model
- ❖ Job Readiness Training Programs
- ❖ Website Development
- ❖ Resource Development
- ❖ Northern Supported Employment Training Program

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SETI STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Steering Committee has representation from the following organizations:

- ❖ Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres (SARC)
- ❖ Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration
- ❖ Saskatchewan Association for Community Living (SACL)
- ❖ Ministry of Education, Student Support Service Branch
- ❖ Ministry of Social Services
- ❖ Office of Disability Issues
- ❖ Service Canada
- ❖ Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure
- ❖ Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology
- ❖ Gabriel Dumont Institute



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