



What is the Occupational Peer Empowerment Network?

Through the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County, the Occupational Peer Empowerment Network (OPEN) works to help lift people out of poverty by overcoming barriers to gaining, maintaining, and thriving as employees.

We work with employers to help develop employees that are happy, healthy, and given every opportunity to succeed.



Who We Are

About Us

The Mental Health Association is a peer run organization which offers support that is free, open, and determined by the individuals own goals.

Through periods of difficulty, we are a resource that helps you build life you want to live.

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Who is OPEN for?

Qualifications for Participation in MHA OPEN

- Employers in Jamestown
- Employers with employees who live in Jamestown
- Employers who need help maintaining employees
- Employees looking for support outside of traditional Employee Assistance Programs
- Employers looking for a pool of employees ready to work
- People looking to get back to work with the help of a supportive team
- Any employee who wants more resources



What can we help with?

We help with the nitty gritty of getting back to work and staying at work:

- On the job coaching
- Skills to succeed
- Professional attire
- Housing
- Transportation
- Childcare
- Systems navigation
- Food insecurity
- Peer support

“I had a major life setback recently and was about to lose my job. MHA OPEN made sure I was able to continue working with transportation and housing help until I could get back on my feet!”

-OPEN Participant



Why MHA Assistance for Employers?

MHA OPEN works to improve employee retention through the obstacles that come up in life.

On average, it costs 16% more to replace an employee due to lost time, training, productivity loss, than to keep them, so of course we all want to keep people we already have. We help you do this.

When you work with people through life's twists and turns, you show them that you value them. Your employees will understand why you are a great place to work and stay!

MHA OPEN will help you retain employees, and keep their lives and your business on track.

