



Supported
Employment
Demonstration

Overview of the Supported Employment Demonstration (SED)

Conducted by Westat under contract to the Social Security
Administration

Disability Benefits versus Pursuit of Work

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Target Population

Social Security disability applicants:

- Age 18 to 49
- Lives in a study site catchment area
- Does not live in a residential/custodial facility
- Alleges or has a documented mental illness
- Denied *at the initial level* of the application process in past 30-60 days (no technical denials)
- Expresses a desire to work

Purpose

To assess the impact of evidence-based services and other supports on employment.

Services:

- Individual Placement and Support (IPS) employment services
- Behavioral health services (as needed)
- Medication management services (as needed)

Other Supports

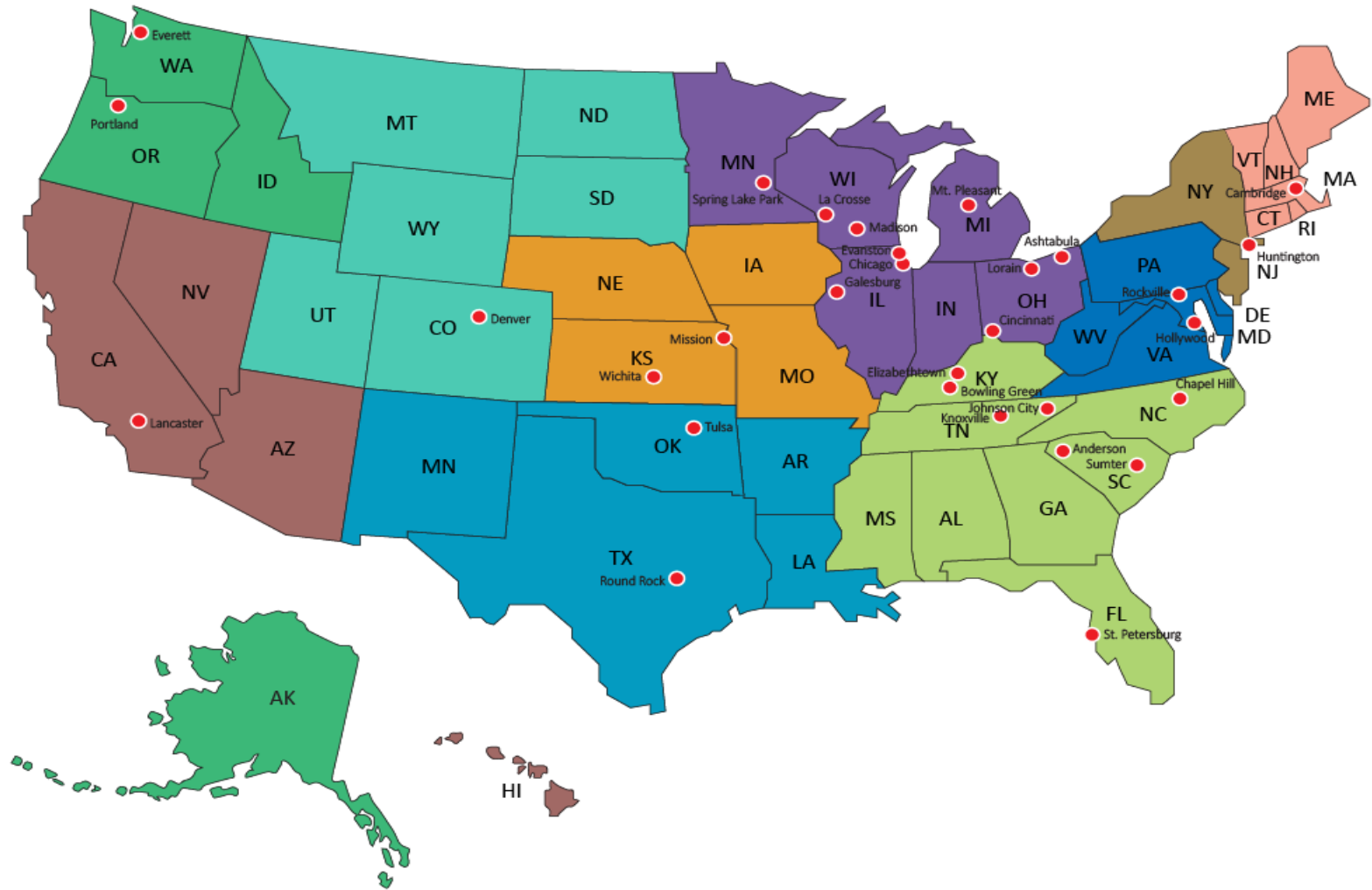
- Funding for Individual Work-Related Expenses
- Care Manager services and funding to remove barriers to working
- Funding for treatment-approved behavioral health services

Scope of the SED

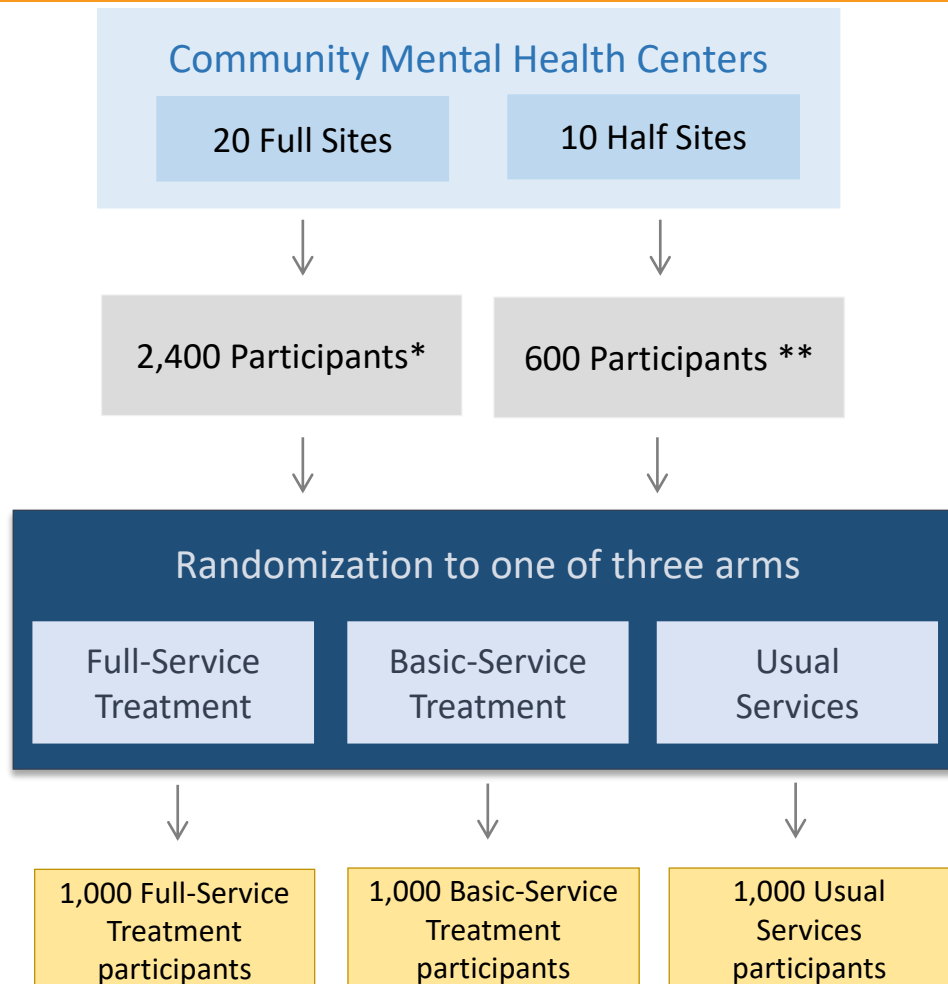
- 30 community mental health agencies (CMHAs)
- 3,000 participants
- Study randomly assigns enrollees to one of three study conditions
- Individuals consent to participate for 36 months



Demonstration Site Locations



Randomized Controlled Trial Design



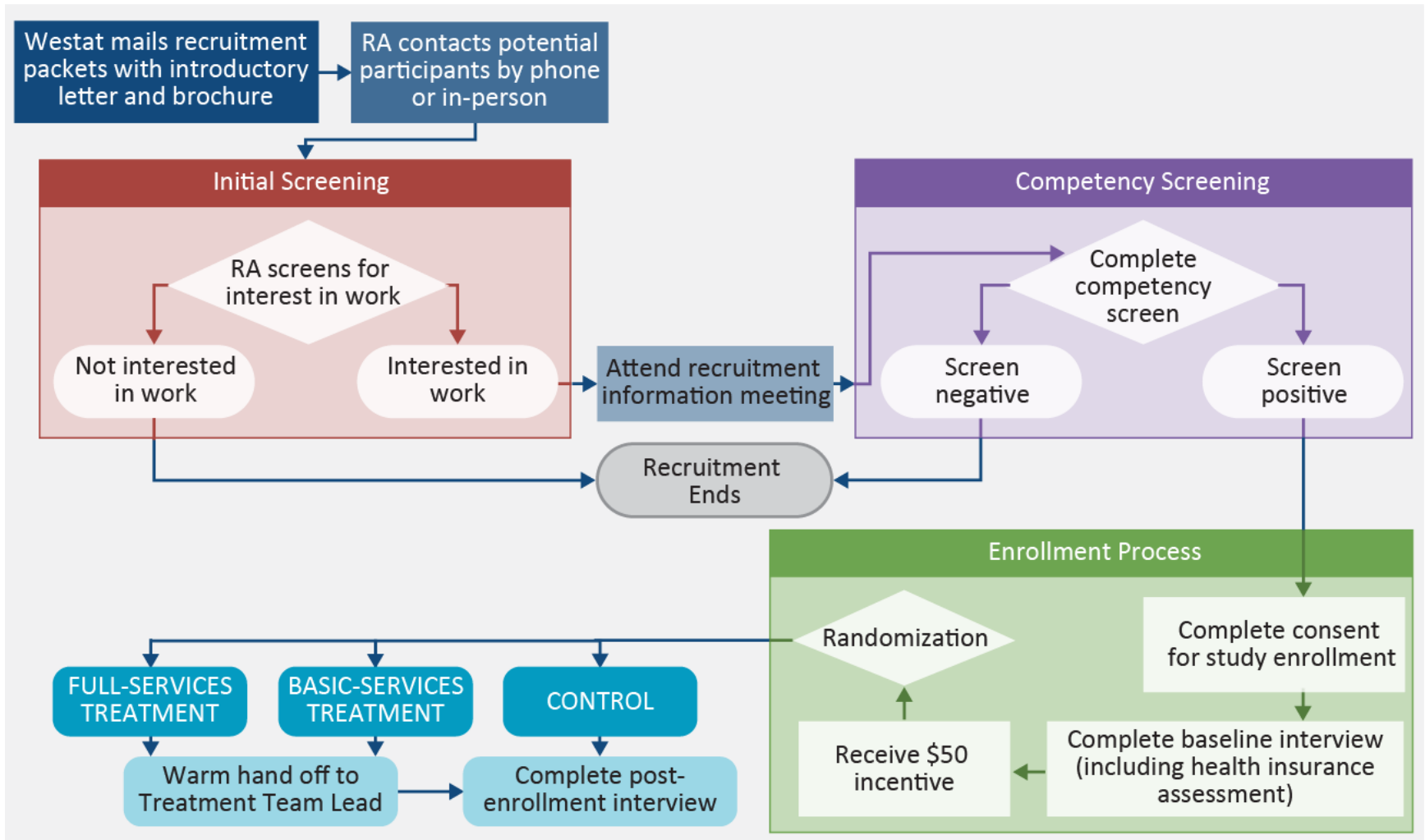
*120 participants per site

**60 participants per site

Recruitment

- Recruitment period: 12 months
- Enrollment target: 250 per month
 - Full sites - 10 participants for a total of 200 per month
 - Half sites - 5 participants for a total of 50 per month

Recruitment and Enrollment Process



Study Conditions, Services, and Staff

Condition	Services	Staff
Usual Care	None	None
Basic Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Placement and Support (IPS)• Behavioral Health Care• Other related Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Lead• IPS Specialist• Care Manager
Full Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Placement and Support (IPS)• Behavioral health care• Other related services• Medication management services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Lead• IPS Specialist• Care Manager• Nurse Care Coordinator

Primary Outcome of Interest

Any employment

Secondary Outcomes

- **Employment characteristics**
Earnings, months earning above SGA, months employed, job tenure, time to first job, employment in a competitive job
- **Clinical recovery**
Mental health, physical health, hospital stays, emergency room visits
- **SSA benefits**
Number of days to first appeal, appeals, benefit awards, total benefits received
- **Public benefits**
SNAP, TANF, Medicaid
- **Other**
Satisfaction with life, encounters with justice system

6-Year Study Plan

Year 1 Startup and Planning

Year 2 Recruitment, Enrollment, Intervention Services, Data Collection and Monitoring

Year 3 Intervention Services, Data Collection and Monitoring

Year 4 Intervention Services, Data Collection and Monitoring

Year 5 Intervention Services, Data Collection and Monitoring

Year 6 Analysis and Reporting

Participation Analysis Report, Early Assessment Report, Process Evaluation Report, Impact Evaluation Report with a Cost Benefit Analysis

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