

## ***Virtual Reality Job Interview Training: An Enhancement to IPS Supported Employment for Adults with Serious Mental Illness***

*presented by*

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**Learning Objectives:** *As a result of participating in this Live Activity, participants should be able to:*

1. Describe the eight principles of the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model of supported employment and where job interview training fits within these principles to serve clients with serious mental illness (SMI).
2. Describe the core principles of how Virtual Reality Job Interview Training (VR-JIT) facilitates sustainable changes in job interview skill.
3. Summarize the trajectory of translating VR-JIT efficacy to VR-JIT real-world effectiveness, including recommended best practices for IPS staff to deliver VR-JIT to clients with SMI.

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