
IPS in Iceland



IPS AT LANDSPÍTALI

Landspítali the National Hospital Psychiatric is currently worked through three teams across the division of psychotic disorders and social status as well. One team mainly focus on age 18-25 with SMI while other two have much different age groups. We are at the moment two on the IPS staff but high hopes on support for more staff to answer demand from more teams at the psychiatric. In the early stages of adding NIPS to the service for younger teams.



FOUR DIFFERENT POPULATION GROUPS

VIRK Vocational Rehabilitation Fund has been using IPS program to help individuals find competitive employment since 2013. VIRK offers IPS services to four different population groups. Those groups are; Individuals from psychiatry rehabilitation department of the National Hospital age group 18-35; Young people in vocational rehabilitation at VIRK age 18-29 that have little education/work experience and difficult social condition; General population in vocational rehabilitation at VIRK; and individuals that are currently in service of primary care - mental health team. VIRK has supported vocational rehabilitation centers in Iceland to implement IPS. This project is just beginning, and it is exciting to see how it will develop.



THE IPS PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF REYKJAVÍK

IPS supported employment has been available for individuals receiving social benefits from Reykjavík City since 2019. Today IPS is also available as a resource for people in rehabilitation from alcohol and drug addiction and other ailments. The aim is to improve the quality of life for these individuals through their engagement in supported, competitive employment. The IPS program in the City of Reykjavík consists of two full-time employment specialist and one half-time supervisor.



LABOR'S IPS PROGRAM

Directorate of Labor's IPS program commenced operations in September 2023. Our counselors apply the principles of IPS to assist vulnerable young individuals (age 18-29) who face challenges such as long-term unemployment, mental health issues or low social support. Additionally, we extend our services to foreign nationals receiving unemployment benefits in Iceland as well as refugees with limited or no proficiency in English or Icelandic.