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Dear Colleagues,

I wanted to share with you the recently published articles about the Genesis Employment Program. The Genesis Club Community is very excited about these findings that document the Genesis Club employment services meet and exceed the very best mental health employment programs in the United States.

The Genesis Club Employment Program was published in two articles in *Psychiatric Services Journal*, October 2006. The first is titled "A Comparison of Competitive Employment Outcomes for the Clubhouse and PACT Models" authored by Schonebaum, Boyd and Dudek. Over a period of two and one-half years it was determined that Genesis Club members earned significantly higher hourly wages and stayed employed for significantly more weeks than PACT participants. The second study "Supported Employment Outcomes of a Randomized Controlled Trial of ACT and Clubhouse Models" authored by Macias, Rodican, Hargreaves, Jones, Barriera and Wang also documented that over two years Genesis members worked significantly longer and earned higher wages than the PACT participants.

The commentary on these studies titled "Policy Priorities and Shifting Sands in the Supported Employment Evidence Base" authored by David S. Salkever states the data from the site in Worcester, Massachusetts (Genesis Club), contradict earlier findings and report employment services provided to members of a clubhouse achieve outcomes similar to those of IPS supported employment.

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