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## Community Mental Health Services

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### **Job fair bridges gap between employers and adults with disabilities**

On March 5-6, Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH) co-presented the Acquiring Community Employment Services (ACES) Job Fair, a one-of-a-kind community partnership between the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) and several Macomb County adult service providers committed to supporting people with disabilities right here in Macomb County. The goal of the event was to bridge the gap between adults with disabilities and employers.

“It was a first-of-its-kind job fair in Macomb County where consumers were able to get job skills and be immediately placed in front of potential employers,” said Ambrosia Jackson, a supported employment specialist at MCCMH and one of the event coordinators. The first day, participants attended classes on job searching, interviewing, resumes and cover letters, dressing for success, and job skills. The second day participants met employers.

“Employers responded favorably that they met quality candidates and that they would come back next year,” said Jackson

The no-cost job fair provided adults with disabilities an opportunity to interview with employers by enhancing their interview skills and assisting them in finding competitive employment. MCCMH has been working to create supported employment opportunities in Macomb County for MCCMH consumers. Michigan is an Employment First state, which is the establishment of statewide policies that promote increased opportunities for competitive integrated employment among people with disabilities.

A variety of Macomb County agencies exist to assist individuals with disabilities in creating and living the life of their choosing, including community supports and employment. Event sponsors included: Comprehensive Services for Developmentally Disabled of Michigan, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Michigan Works!, Macomb County Community Mental Health, Macomb Intermediate School District, Sterling Heights Chamber of Commerce, The Arc of Macomb County, Life Enrichment Academy, Disability Network Oakland / Macomb, Creative Empowerment Opportunities, and New Horizons.

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