Extending IPS to Specialty Populations Through Strengths-Based Group Supervision (SBGS) as Part of a Veterans Affairs Quality Improvement Project

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SBGS Attendee Quotes

- "Everyone's input and the structure helped."
- "It really opened up my thinking about this Veteran."



 "This gave me options I hadn't even thought of before."

Process	Focus
Present Case: Vocational specialist asks for help to advance work goal of Veteran SCI	Strengths-based person-centered
Describe Challenge(s): Vocational specialist shares what has been tried and results.	Informs
Q&A : Attendees ask questions focused on the Veteran's employment goals.	Clarifies and mobilizes
Brainstorm : Facilitator encourages novel ideas and guards against bias and negative perseveration.	Creates options

Select Actions: IPS specialist selects 2-3 ideas to use and reports back on results.

Actionable solutions



Progress to Date

Sessions: 3

• Midwest, Northeast, South

Attendees: 34

- Vocational specialists, trainers, and program managers
- SCI rehabilitation psychologists
- SCI social worker

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