

Thirty Ways to Ask About Work

- * Have you ever worked?
- * Have you ever considered working?
- * What job did you do most recently? What did you like about the job? What did you not like about the job? Why did you leave the job?
- * Have you ever looked for work in the past?
- * Have you ever volunteered?
- * What would you get out of working?
- * What do you think work would do for you personally, financially and socially?
- * What about work is exciting to you?
- * What about work worries you?
- * Would you be interested in hearing about our Supported Employment Services?
- * If you could choose any job to have, what would it be?
- * What kind of career would you like to have?
- * When you were younger, what did you want to be?
- * Can you think of a job that would be fun?
- * What are your favorite subjects?
- * What have you always been good at?
- * What have others told you that you are good at?
- * What skills do you have?
- * How would your family and friends feel about you working? Have you ever talked to them about it?
- * What jobs have different members of your family had?
- * What kinds of things do you like to do?
- * Do you know other Thresholds members who work? What have their experiences been?
- * If you worked, what kinds of co-workers would you like to have?
- * If you worked, what kind of people would you like to help?
- * How much money would you like to make in a job?
- * How many hours would you like to work a week?
- * How would you get to work?
- * If you had the job you wanted, what type of schedule would work best for you?
- * Would you be interested in talking with a Thresholds member who works about their experiences?
- * Would you be interested in meeting with an Employment Specialist?

For many members, working and recovery go hand and hand. Program staff should routinely attempt to dialogue with members about their work/career goals, dreams, and concerns related to such. Look for opportunities to weave the topic of work into both formal and informal discussions.