EKCEP – Eastern KY Concentrated Employment program is one of 10 workforce development agencies in KY. I cover the TENCO Region: **Bath, Boyd, Bracken, Fleming, Greenup, Lewis, Mason, Montgomery, Robertson, and Rowan Counties.** I also Success Coach (providing these services to Summit Polymers/Mt. Sterling, and App Harvest/Morehead employees).

SITE – Strategic Initiative for Transformational Employment – Is an EKCEP initiative to assist individuals in recovery form OUD/SUD obtain and retain employment. We receive funding from several sources including the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), KORE (Ky Opioid Response Effort) and Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)

Funding allows for:

JERSS (Job Entry and Retention Support Specialists) in all Workforce Development Areas across the state that work with treatment facilities/Specialized Courts and employers to:

* Assist in locating jobs for people in recovery for employers that will work with their individual recovery needs
* Assist employers with policies regarding employment of this population
* Locate and utilize resources in the local community
* Follow individuals after placement to help with retention
* Recovery Resources
* Educational Resources
* Other services for individuals and/or employers on a case-by-case basis. Examples: assist in finding beds at treatment facilities, assist in any recovery need, offer variety of trainings for employers/entities assisting recovery community (Narcan training, Ethic Sense training, etc.)

Eligibility for enrollment for SITE Supportive Services with EKCEP:

* + Support Services for participants that are eligible for the program (completed a treatment program and are in active recovery for less than 2 years and are looking for work or need assistance to retain a job). JERSS are familiar with resources in their areas and these funds are a last resort option. Only those individuals that meet this requirement are eligible for small dollar financial assistance.
    - Assistance with Housing
    - Assistance with Transportation
    - Work Clothing (pants, shirts, shoes, etc.)
    - Obtaining Driver’s License, and Obtaining an ID
    - Emergency food assistance
    - Educational enrollment (College or GED)/Soft Skill Trainings (Peer Support Certification)
    - Other things that are not available from partners in the area on an individual basis. (Any barrier that could be seen as keeping individual from obtaining or maintaining employment)

The benefit of these programs is that JERSS are local to the area and available on a one-on-one basis for individuals. We recognize that each situation is different and strive to be nimble and flexible enough to meet the needs for employment and retention as individuals in early recovery begin their journey.