

USOR: What are the areas where services overlap between agencies for substance abuse and mental health? What are agencies doing to coordinate services that overlap?

The **Utah State Office of Rehabilitation** has partnerships with the other agencies on this panel, and coordinate programmatic interventions and services in the generalized overlap areas of Independent Living, Community Integration, Rehabilitation and Employment Preparedness. These coordinated services include but are not limited to:

1. **The Coordinating Council for People with Disabilities (CCPD)**; a statutorily mandated committee of executive administrators for agencies that serve people with disabilities in Utah. The council meets monthly to collaborate initiatives of the agencies serving a common population.
2. **The Utah Defendant Offender Workforce Development (UDOWD) program**; an interagency committee made up of government agencies and community organizations that serve ex-offenders, a significant number of which have substance abuse and mental health histories. The committee includes the Department of Corrections, Federal Probation and Parole, SL County Corrections, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, Department of Workforce Services, and faith-based and other community organizations.
3. **Work Ability Utah**; Established through the federal Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) that is now completed, Work Ability Utah continues through braided funding from the Department of Health, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and Utah State Office of Education. This cooperative coordinates interventions such as personal assistance services for people with disabilities so they can work.
4. **Choose to Work (CTW)**; a partnership between the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and the Department of Workforce Services. CTW provides people with disabilities who reach employment readiness with specialized job development and job placement services. A significant number of individuals served by the CTW partnership have mental illness and/or substance abuse as a primary or coexisting condition.
5. **Partnership Plus**; a programmatic model through the Ticket to Work initiative to promote employment and reduced/eliminated payouts to recipients of disability benefits through the Social Security Administration. The Utah Department of Health, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness, State Office of Rehabilitation and Social Security Administration have coordinated training and supports to community mental health centers for integration of treatment and rehabilitation services provided by each agency at the local level establishing employment attainment and maintenance as a part of recovery.
6. **Mental Health Counseling for the Deaf**; due to cultural differences and the confidential nature of clinical counseling, the USOR Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing provide mental health counseling services to individuals who are deaf. These supports are provided by an LCSW therapist and two case managers who are fluent in American Sign Language.