

Evaluation of the Partners in Recovery program: A tailored care program for complex and persistent mental health problems

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Background



The *Partners in Recovery* (PIR) program was a nation-wide Australian program designed to improve coordinated care and address the high level of unmet need in people with severe and persistent mental health problems.

Aim: To evaluate effectiveness of PIR.

"My PIR case-worker has been wonderfully supportive.

He has always made time for me and linked me into relevant services when required.

This program has really assisted in my recovery."

Methods

N = 25 participants at six community mental health service providers, Canberra. Data was collected via survey and interviews.

Measures = QoL, social inclusion, recovery.

Analyses: Network, qualitative analyses, multi-level fixed effect models.



Results



QoL, social inclusion, and perceptions of recovery all improved ($p = .001-.025$) from baseline to endpoint.

Network and qualitative analyses indicated the central role for the *Support Facilitator* in participant recovery.

Conclusion

Preliminary support for improving outcomes.

Participants viewed *Support Facilitators* as being vital to their recovery journey.

Tailored, wrap-around care can provide significant benefits to the health care system.



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