



Team Werks Co-op Inc.

Worker Co-operative supporting consumers of mental health services through empowerment, self direction and the provision of individualized employment supports and services.















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- Worker Co-op established in 2005 in partnership SJCG.
- Established to provide employment and training
- opportunities for clients with a mental illness.
- 30 member/owners working part-time in 8 different business initiatives.
- 20-30 additional non-members participate in assessment, training and placement activities.

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- Has social and financial goals = "Social Enterprise"
- The Co-op has now become a component of a larger
- Vocational program Employment Options

Employment Options

- Vocational program that provides the client with a wide range of individualized employment supports: Education, Peer Support, Skills Training, Community Job Development and Supported Employment.
- An integration of Social Enterprise (Team Werks Co-op) with client-centerd employment services. Options!!
- Holistic approach that places the client, not the illness, at the center of all vocational supports and interventions.
- An outpatient program that supports individuals to move through a continuum of service and supports.
- Integrates community and clinical supports.











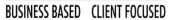
Why Clients Choose the Co-op



- Alternative employment with additional job coaching supports
- Looking to gain skills and confidence to move forward to community placements and other employment opportunities.
- Seeking specific hands on training in any one of our 8 business units
- Want access to Peer to Peer support
- Interested in ownership and governorship opportunities in the Cooperative.
- Want to maintain their income supports while earning little extra money.
- Are working on a recovery plan that integrates both clinical and communitybased supports.







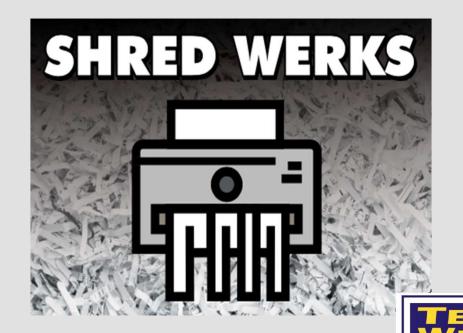




















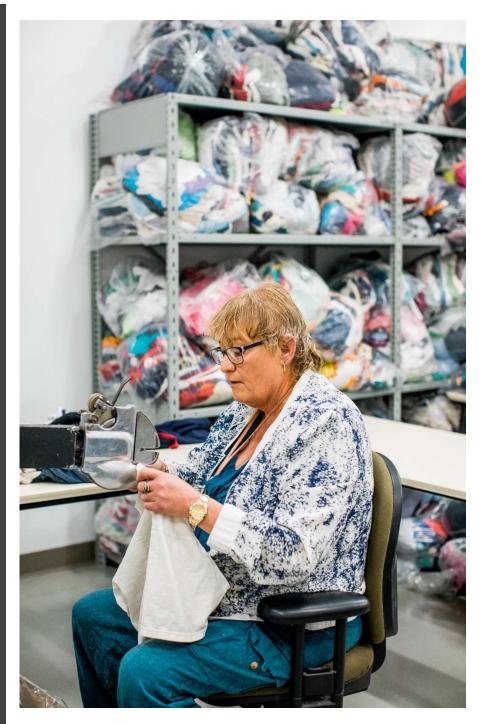














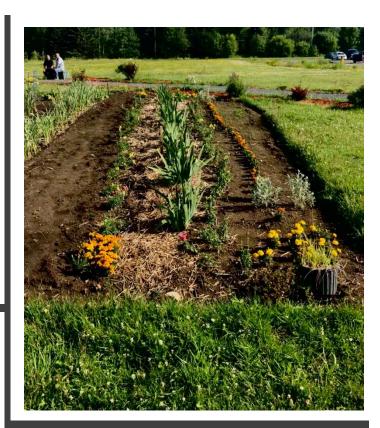




BUSINESS BASED CLIENT FOCUSED











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Business Structure

- Unique objectives of all 9 business units are tied into the mandate of the Social Enterprise.
- New ventures can be added, poor performers eliminated.
- Initiatives with high social value/low business value can be maintained.
- Flexible compensation structure meets members needs.
- Members and new clients can transition from one work area to another based on individual preference.







Social Vs. Business Value



Mixed Mandate



Social Value

Business Value

Why a Co-operative?

Guided by Principles

- Voluntary
- Democratic
- Economic Participation
- Autonomy/Independence
- Co-operation
- Concern for Community







Fit with Recovery Model



Guided by Principles

- Empowerment/Ownership
- Consumer Choice
- Individualized
- Service and Community Integration
- Ongoing Supports
- Build on Individual's Strengths
- Respect and Dignity in the workplace
- Peer Support



Member's Perspectives



"The opportunity to work has made all the difference in my life. Without the work placement and training I would not be looking at competitive employment in the community."

"Employment in the co-op gave me a fresh start. The supports and skills I obtained gave me the confidence to make my own decisions on what type of work suits me."

"For me, the program is exactly what I want. It has helped me to stay out of the hospital. I feel good about myself."

"I am now living in the community. The coop and supports provided by the St. Joseph's Care Group Occupational Instructors helped make this possible."