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# Supporting individuals living with mental illness to find meaningful employment

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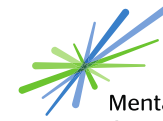
Disability and Work in Canada, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

# Bridging the Employment Gap

Up to **90%** of Canadians living with a severe mental illness are unemployed

Approximately **\$28.8B** is spent each year in disability income support

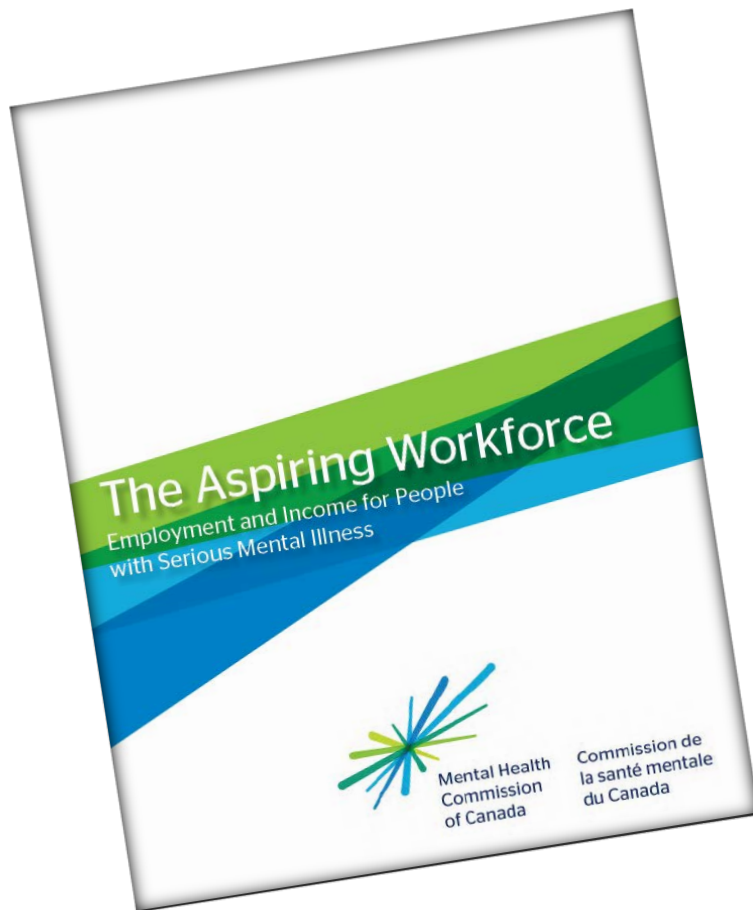
Unemployment is associated with a **twofold to threefold increased** relative risk of death by suicide, compared with being employed



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# Reducing Employment Barriers for *Aspiring Workers*



“There is overwhelming evidence that most people with serious mental health problems have skills and expertise to offer to the labour market - they can work, and want to work.”



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# MHCC Initiatives for *Aspiring Workers*



## *Multi-Level Strategy*



Employers

