OBJECTIVES: To evaluate the impact of adding a contingency management technique to standard vocational rehabilitation treatment.

RESEARCH PLAN: 100 adults entering the CWT program are being randomly assigned to the Enhanced Incentives condition or the comparison condition, and followed for twelve months. Primary outcomes include sobriety, competitive employment and retention in CWT.

METHODS: The Enhanced Incentive condition offers financial incentives for meeting clinical goals, including sustained sobriety, job search activities, and finding and maintaining a job.

FINDINGS: Eighty-seven subjects have signed consent. Initial impressions suggest those assigned to the Enhanced Incentive condition appear more likely to remain sober, more likely to remain enrolled in CWT, more likely to take steps toward obtaining a competitive job, though it is not clear that actually obtaining a job is a statistically significant outcome of the incentives. We are completing the second year of a three-year study. More data is required before the study outcomes become clear.