



Plan to Work

Shining a light on your path to employment

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Working May Be Easier Than You Think!

Why Work?

Research has shown that work can enrich your life by:

- Increasing independence.
- Improving self-esteem, confidence, and fulfillment.
- Helping you to acquire new skills through training and experience.
- Creating new interpersonal, professional, and community ties.

A lifetime of depending on disability benefits as your only source of income means only one thing: a lifetime of living with income near or below the Federal poverty line. You deserve better and work can help you improve your financial quality of life.

Programs, Services and Supports to Help You Work!

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) program: Learn about organizations in your area that can help you understand the complex rules and regulations that govern what happens to your benefits when you go to work. Call Plan to Work 1-866-497-9443 for assistance.

Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency (Ticket) program: More information about a free and voluntary program that offers you choices in receiving the services and supports you might need to help you get employment ready and find a job. Call Plan to Work at 1-866-497-9443 for assistance.

Work Incentives: Learn more about the disability program rules that allow you to reduce your countable income so that you can continue to receive a cash benefit while you explore work or look for a job that is right for you. Call Plan to Work at 1-866-497-9443 for assistance.

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) program: Have a question about your legal rights related to employment? Learn more about the PABSS projects that are available to provide assistance to Social Security disability beneficiaries regarding any issue or concern that negatively affects the individual's ability to secure, maintain, or regain employment. Contact Disability Rights Washington 800-562-2702 (In-State Only) or access information on the website: www.DisabilityRightsWA.org.

Work Incentive Seminar Events (WISE)

Work Incentive Seminar Events (WISE): If you are interested in learning about the Ticket to Work Program or other work incentives, you can attend a FREE Work Incentive Seminar Event (WISE) in your area. WISE are accessible, informal community events for beneficiaries to learn more about available work incentives. Call Plan to Work at 1-866-497-9443 for assistance.

Upcoming Work Incentive Seminar Events (WISE)

Bellingham, WA

Date: Thursday, August 26, 2010
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: St Luke's Community Health Education Center A
Address: 3333 Squalicum Parkway
Bellingham, WA 98255
Contact: Patt Buff
Phone: (253) 582-1253 x3
Email: buffp@centerforindependence.org

Spokane, WA

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2010
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m.
Location: West Central Community Center, Newton Lounge
Address: 1603 North Belt Street
Spokane, WA 99205
Contact: Plan to Work
Phone: 1-866-497-9443

About Plan to Work

Plan to Work is funded by a Work Incentives Planning and Assistance grant from the Social Security Administration. We provide free, confidential information about how employment affects SSI and SSDI as well as other benefits. We also help you understand how to use Social Security work incentives to move forward in your employment goals.

Contact Us

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