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**For SSA Beneficiaries
(SSI and SSDI)
Who Choose to Work**

Are you interested in going to work?

As a Social Security Administration (SSA) beneficiary you may be eligible to participate in the Ticket to Work program that allows you to return to work.

The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act expands your choices for employment services and provides help navigating SSA work regulations, rules and incentives. These work initiatives are designed to help you participate in the workforce and increase your financial self-sufficiency.

The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Project employs certified specialists who provide guidance on which incentives can best help you with your transition into the workforce. Call your AWIN Community Work Incentive Coordinator now.

If you have concerns about your medical insurance, call 1-866-285-7900 to find out about Working Disabled Medicaid, a state program that provides full healthcare coverage while you earn income.

For general information or questions about disability benefits, call the **Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213**.



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**The Arkansas
Work Incentives
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Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA)

The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program is a statewide service designed to help you understand Social Security work incentive rules, and to access work incentives available under the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs. A WIPA Coordinator can meet with you individually to discuss how returning to work will impact your benefits as well as recommend work incentives that can maximize your income and healthcare options as you return to work and achieve greater financial self-sufficiency.

Ticket to Work

WIPA is designed to complement a beneficiary's efforts. SSA's Ticket to Work Program allows you to choose from a list of providers (called Employment Networks) to help you prepare for and obtain a job. Employment Network services might include job training and education, assistance to identify and obtain assistive technology, and support to identify and secure a career. Employment Networks could include community-based organizations, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, or private vendors. The WIPA staff can also help to refer you to an Employment Networks and other employment support services that can help you return to work.

The Ticket program is completely voluntary and at no cost to you.

Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security

Protection and Advocacy assists SSA beneficiaries to overcome discrimination and barriers to obtaining work, returning to work, and/or maintaining work. This includes barriers that impede access to vocational and rehabilitation services, barriers to employment and support services (including transportation) necessary to enter the workplace, and reasonable accommodation for your disability at your place of employment.

For further information, contact PABSS:

Voice (800) 482-1174

TTY (501) 986-1775



Why Work?

Work can:

- Increase your independence,
- Improve your self-esteem and confidence,
- Help you develop new skills, and
- Build your network of personal, employment, and community ties.

**Call Us Today!
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