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## Working from Home with Ticket to Work

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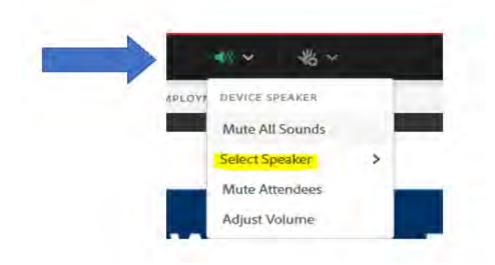
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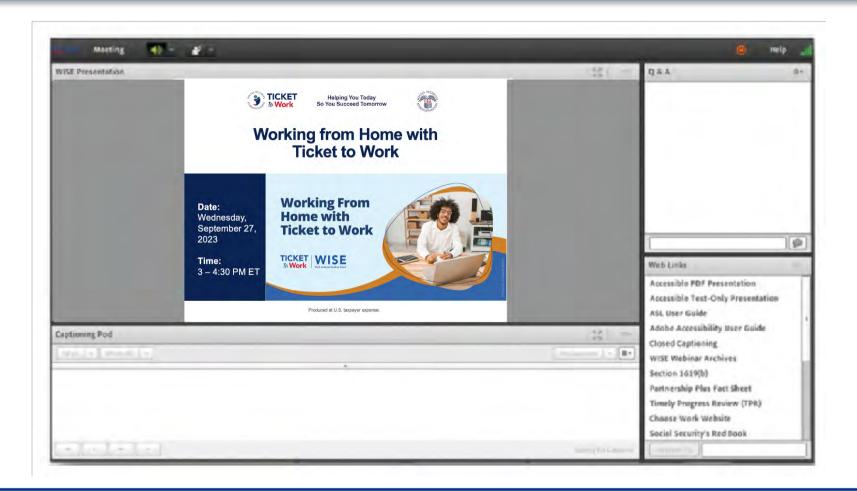
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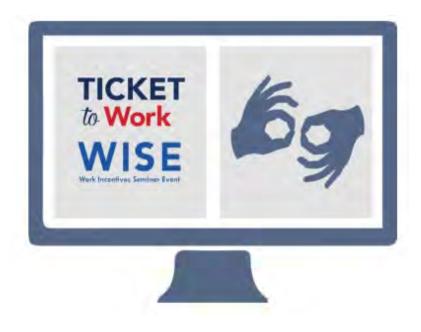
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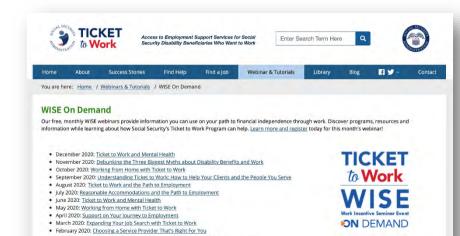
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**Welcome and Introductions** 

Moderator: Patricia Van Nelson, Ticket Program Team

Presenter: Derek Shields, Ticket Program Team



### Welcome!

Thank you for joining us! Today, we'll discuss how Social Security's Ticket to Work (Ticket) Program can help you and answer questions related to:

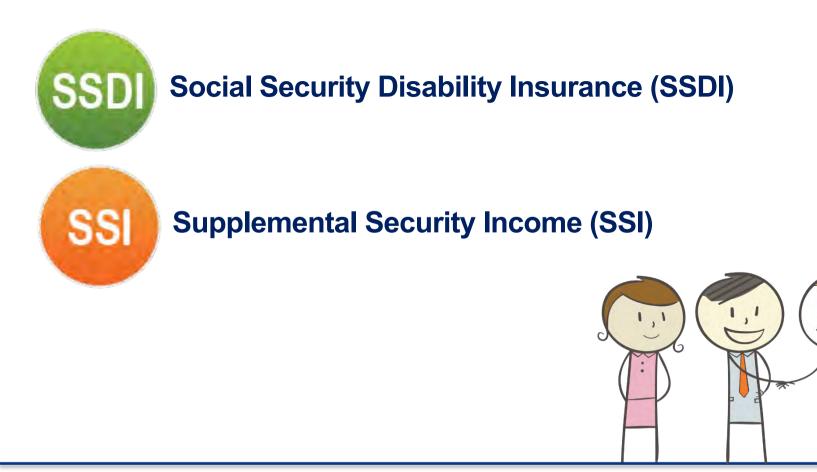
- Social Security's Ticket Program
- Why consider working from home?
- What type of work from home jobs are available?
- Finding work from home jobs
- Tips for working from home







### **Social Security Disability Benefits Program**





### Sign up for a my Social Security Account

- Your personal my Social Security account through <u>Social Security</u> gives you secure access to information based on your earnings history and interactive tools tailored to you.
- With a *my* Social Security account, you can access your earnings history and benefits information, request a replacement Social Security card, get a proof of income letter, estimate and apply for benefits, and more.





### **Starting the Journey**

#### Only you can decide if work is the **right choice for you**.





### Why Choose Work?

Earning a living through employment is not something everyone can do, but it may be **right for you**. Once people understand the many **free services and supports** available to them, they often find that the rewards far outweigh the risks.







### What Is the Ticket to Work Program? (Slide 1 of 2)

#### The Ticket to Work Program

- Is a free and **voluntary** Social Security program
- Offers career development for people ages 18 through 64 who receive Social Security disability benefits and want to work







### What Is the Ticket to Work Program? (Slide 2 of 2)

The Ticket to Work Program connects you with **free employment services** to help you:

- Decide if working is right for you
- Prepare for work
- Find a job
- Succeed at work

Learn more: What is Social Security's Ticket to Work Program?

**Self-Guided Tutorial** 





### How Does the Ticket Program Work?

If you decide to participate, you may choose to receive services from authorized Ticket to Work service providers like **Employment Networks** (EN) or your **State Vocational Rehabilitation** (VR) **agency**.





### Working with a Ticket Program Service Provider

Ticket Program service providers:

- Offer free employment support services to people who are eligible for the Ticket Program
- Can help you **identify** and **apply for** work from home or other job opportunities
- Provide other support on your path to financial independence, including help identifying your work goals, writing your resume, preparing for interviews and much more!





### **Ticket to Work Help Line**

If you want to verify your eligibility for Ticket to Work or have questions about how the program works...

**Call the Ticket to Work Help Line:** 

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 8:00 pm ET

- 1-866-968-7842
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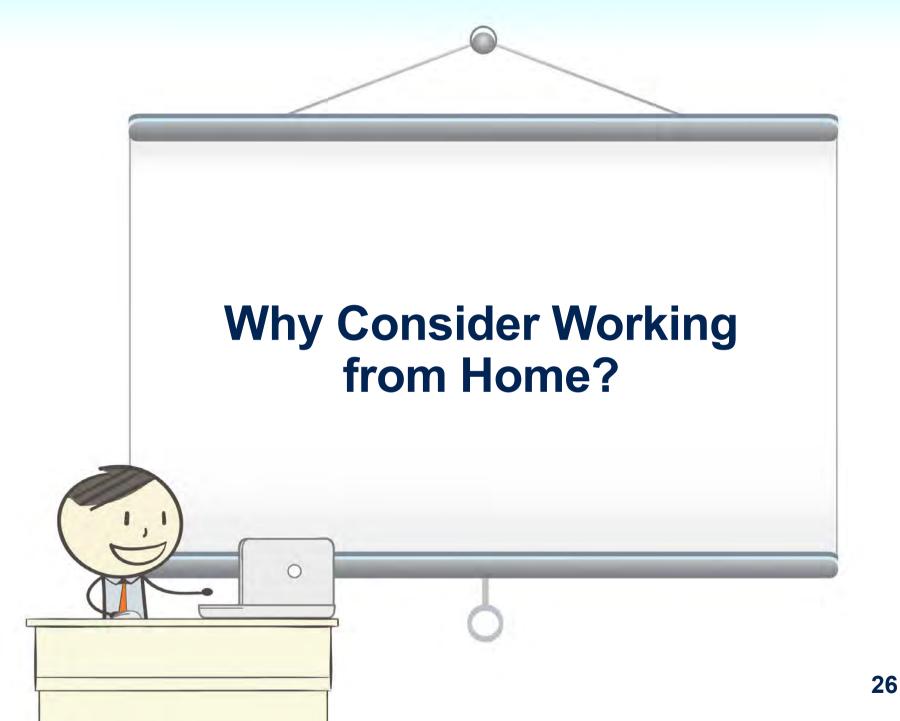




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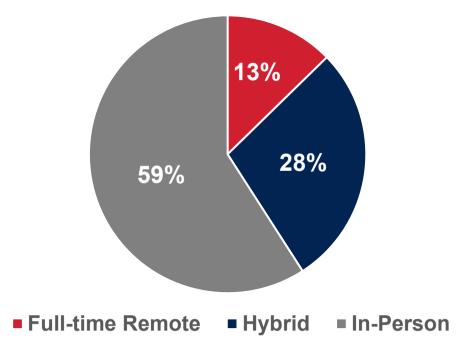






### How many people work from home?

**Employee Work Location** 

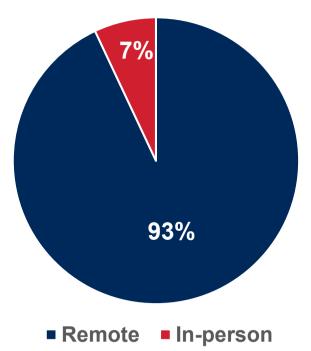


Source: Forbes: Remote Work Statistics and Trends in 2023



### **Job Interviews**

#### **The Future of Job Interviews**



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**Remote Companies** 

# **16%** of companies operate remotely

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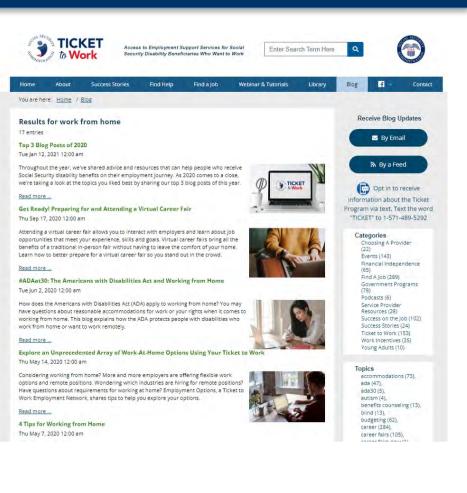
### Why Consider Work from Home?





### **Working from Home**

Learn about work from home opportunities and advice for working remotely from our **Ticket to Work blog posts**.





### **Pros and Cons of Working from Home**

#### Pros

- Potential for enhanced productivity
- Save time and money on commutes and wardrobe
- Remote meetings allow more flexibility for teams of all sizes to come together easily and efficiently

#### Cons

- Miss social aspects of working in-person
- Difficult to separate work home life
- Purchase of supplies for home office







### What Types of Jobs are Available?

#### The short answer is a lot!

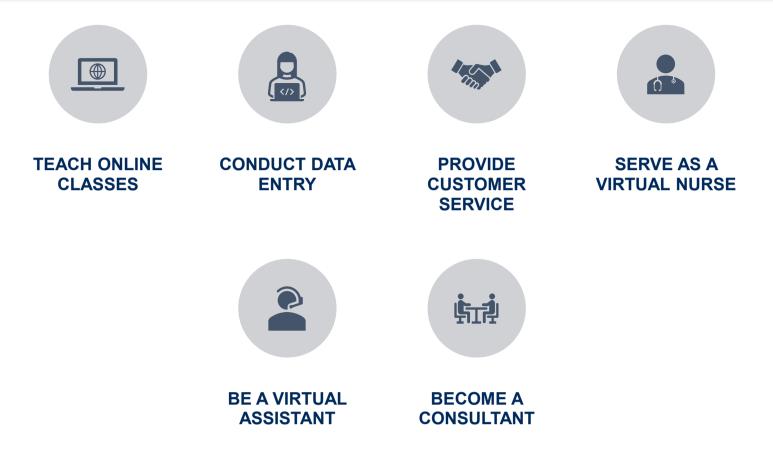
Many people began working from home in 2020 and many employers now recognize the benefits of a remote workplace.

If you're looking for a work from home job, you have more industries than ever to choose from.





### Work from Home Jobs in 2023



Source: 35 of the Best Remote Jobs to Pursue | Indeed.com





## Are there any Work from Home Requirements? (slide 1 of 2)

Work from home positions have requirements like any other job, including:

- A certain degree of education
- Specific training or certificate requirements
- Skills specific to the job
- Relevant experience in a specialty field





## Are there any Work from Home Requirements? (slide 2 of 2)

Work from home positions might have specific requirements, including:

- Availability to work a set schedule
- Home office space free of noise and distractions
- High-Speed, reliable internet access
- Computer navigation skills
- Clear speaking/ phone voice (a headset)

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### **Work from Home Skills – Beyond Requirements**

Skills that are useful when working from home, including:

- Time management
- Written communication
- Motivation
- Organization
- Flexibility

<u>Soft skills</u> knowledge can improve these areas. Your Ticket Program service provider can help.





### **Preparing for Your Work from Home Job Search**

Before you begin looking for a work from home job, take some time to update your resume.

- Think back to your work experience (paid or volunteer) or training
- Take an inventory of the all the skills you have
  - Use these skills to help you find jobs you're a good fit for
- Notify your **references** so they know you are looking for work
- Practice video interview skills



## Things to Keep in Mind (Slide 1 of 2)

#### **Be Cautious**

Not all work from home opportunities are legitimate. Red flags may include:

- Promising high income for little work
- Providing an unclear or vague description of the job
- Short or no interview process
- Charging applicants fees to apply for the job or to do the job after you have been hired
- The company having been in business for a short time



### Things to Keep in Mind (Slide 2 of 2)

#### **Understand Your Taxes**

Check with your potential employer to ensure you understand the specifics of taxes before you accept the job.

Some job opportunities may not withhold taxes

- W2 Taxes withheld
- **1099** Taxes not withheld and your responsibility to pay



## **Need Help Finding a Job?**

- Check out our <u>Find A Job</u> page!!
  - Resources and information about employment organizations including those that specifically serve people with disabilities
- Get started on your job search:
  - Connect with a Ticket
    Program service provider





Affordable Connectivity Program Helping Households Get Access to Broadband

Affordable Connectivity Program

- A Federal Communications Commission benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.
- Provides eligible households with a discount on broadband service and connected devices.
- Provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward the internet for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for homes on qualifying Tribal lands.

## Find out if you're eligible and how to apply for the <u>Affordable Connectivity Program</u>.





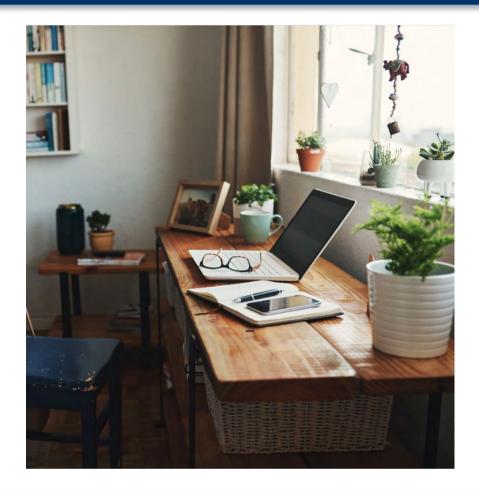
## Tip 1: Work from a Defined Workspace

## Dedicate a work-only workspace

 Not enough space - set up desk or table for work only

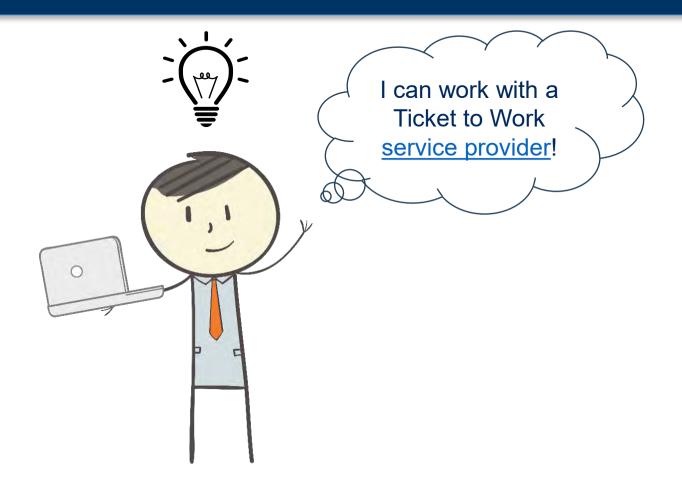
#### Benefits:

- Helps you focus on work
- Assists you to leave work "at the office"





#### What if you don't have the equipment you need?



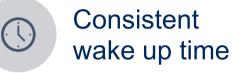


## Tip 2: Create a Morning Routine

#### Morning Routine = Prepared and Productive Day







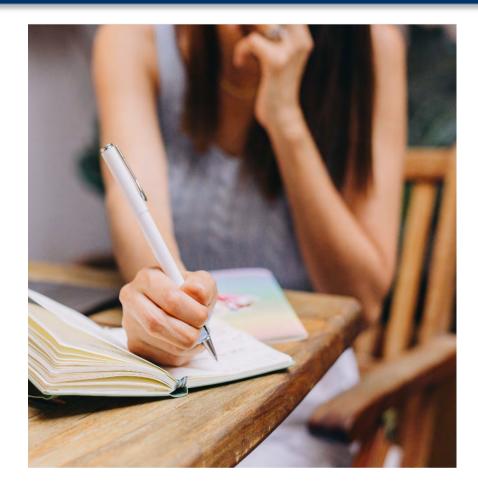




# Tip 3: Establish A Firm Line Between Work and Home

## Maintain boundaries between work and home

- At workday's end:
  - Shut office door
  - Close your computer
  - Set a schedule
  - Write down your work
    hours





## Tip 4: Stay Connected

- Important to maintain connection with others
- Working from home can feel isolating

Here are some ways that could help:

- Take advantage of videoconferencing with coworkers
- Meet up with a neighbor for your lunch break
- Have dinner or a video call with family after work
- Connect with colleagues through email or company's online chatting system



## Lori's Story

Anxiety made it difficult for Lori to build a career; but with the help of the Ticket program, Lori can now work comfortably from home with a job in Public Relations/Marketing for Employment Options. She has more than a job; Lori found a career she's passionate about!

"Making my own money again is freeing. I want to do whatever I can to help others understand and learn about this great program."



#### Lori's Success Story

Lori, A Ticket to Work Success Story



## **Questions?**





### How to Get Started

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