



TICKET to Work

Partnership Plus

Working With an Employment Network After Vocational Rehabilitation Services Have Ended

If you're an adult ages 18 through 64 and receive Social Security disability benefits (SSDI/SSI) you're eligible to participate in the Ticket to Work (Ticket) Program. Under the Ticket Program, you can receive free services to help you prepare for, find or maintain employment. State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies and authorized service providers known as Employment Networks (EN) offer these types of services. Your State VR agency can be a good place to begin exploring your options. Many people gain skills and find work with help from a State VR agency. Others find their needs are met by an EN. If your State VR agency helped you find work and then closed your case, you can receive ongoing services from an EN – even when you're on the job.

Service Providers and the Services They Offer

Both ENs and State VR agencies offer a range of services to help you prepare for and find work. ENs also offer continuing support services that can help you remain employed or advance your career.

While all ENs provide career planning and assistance with job search activities, some serve people with specific disabilities.

Specialized services offered by some ENs include benefits counseling, resume writing, interview skills and assistance requesting job accommodations. It's important to find an EN or State VR agency that offers services that meet your needs.

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If you've found a job, your State VR agency may close your case approximately 90 days after you start working. When VR services end, many people find that they need continuing support to help them succeed in their job and increase their earnings over time. That's why State VR agencies often partner with ENs that provide job retention services and other types of ongoing support. This arrangement, known as Partnership Plus, gives Ticket Program participants continued access to individualized employment services, if needed. After VR services end, you can assign your Ticket to an EN of your choice to receive these additional services. Partnership Plus arrangements set you up for success by providing support at each step toward your financial independence.



Someone In Your Corner

Entering or re-entering the workforce can be an adjustment. Having a resource to go to for answers to your questions can make this transition easier. For example, each month Ticket Program participants must notify Social Security to report their earnings. Some ENs help you stay organized and communicate with Social Security so you can try to avoid being overpaid and focus on advancing your career. ENs that offer benefits counseling can help you take control of your finances. They will inform you about rules called Work Incentives that make it easier to enhance your job skills and gain experience. Working with an EN means having a resource in your corner to help you succeed.

Voluntarily assigning your Ticket to an EN after your VR closes your case can extend the advantages of certain Work Incentives. For example, the law requires Social Security to periodically review your disability to determine whether you are still eligible for disability benefits. You will not have to undergo this process, called the medical Continuing Disability Review (CDR), if you are making [timely progress](#) toward your employment goals in the Ticket Program. To continue protection from the medical CDR, you need to assign your Ticket to an EN within 90 days of your State VR closing your case.

Finding the Right EN

The Ticket Program has several resources to help you find an EN that is right for you. Your State VR counselor may also be able to help. Read tips on [choosing the right EN](#), and use the [Find Help](#) tool to connect with an EN that offers the services you need. You can also call the Ticket to Work Help Line to receive a list of ENs. You may need to talk with several ENs to find a good fit.



A VR Can Help You With:

- Benefits counseling
- Career counseling
- Education and training
- Job search support



After You Have Found Work, an EN Can Help You:

- Get job accommodations
- Communicate with your employer
- Stay in touch with Social Security
- Stay organized
- Report earnings
- Find answers about how working can affect your benefits

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Partnership Plus arrangements vary from state to state. Ask your State VR counselor how it can work for you!

For more information about the Ticket Program and Partnership Plus, call the Ticket to Work Help Line at **1-866-968-7842** or **1-866-833-2967 (TTY)**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET.

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