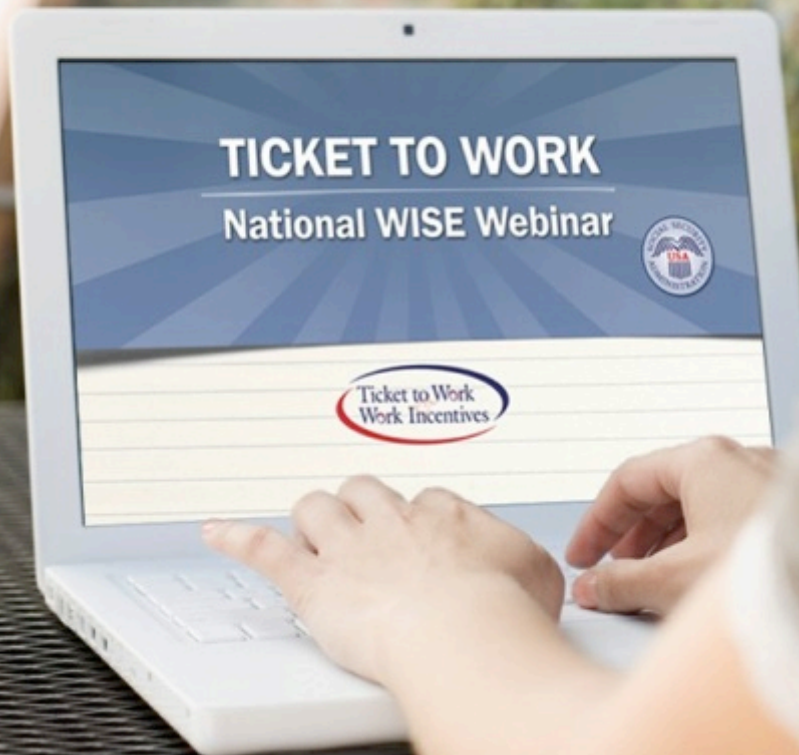


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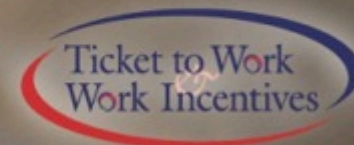
TICKET TO WORK

**Free Support Services for People Who
Have a Disability and Are Ready to Work**

Work Incentives Seminar Event



Date: Wednesday, October 22
Time: 3:00-4:30 pm EDT



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Access code: 648-163-740

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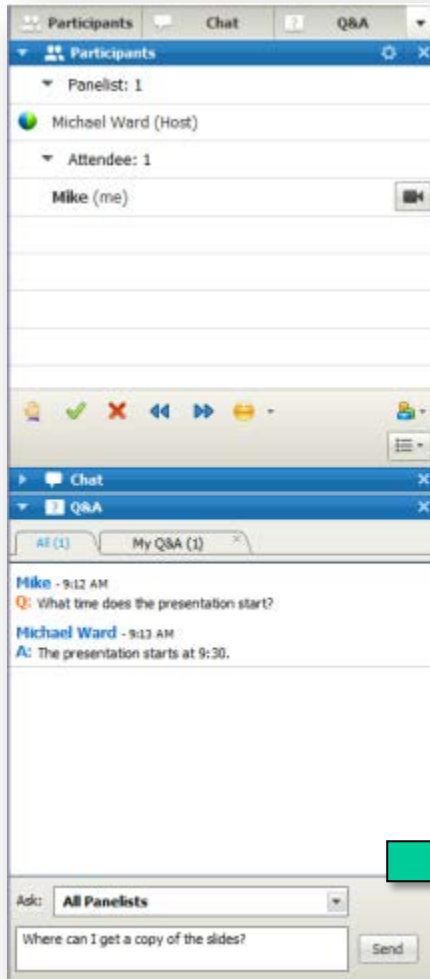
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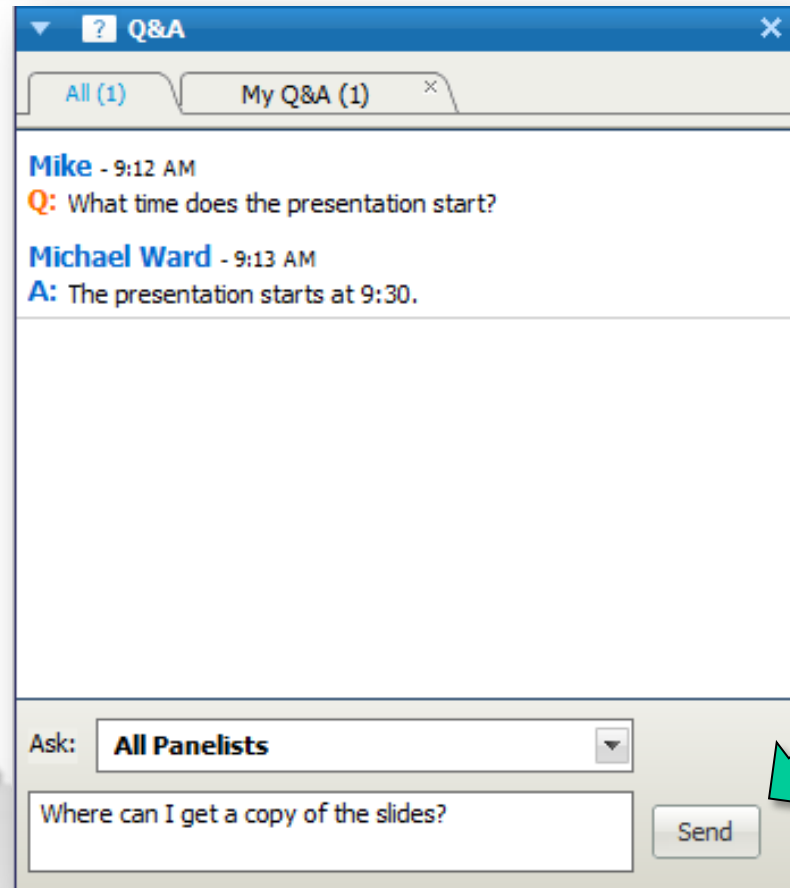
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Audio and Questions Panels

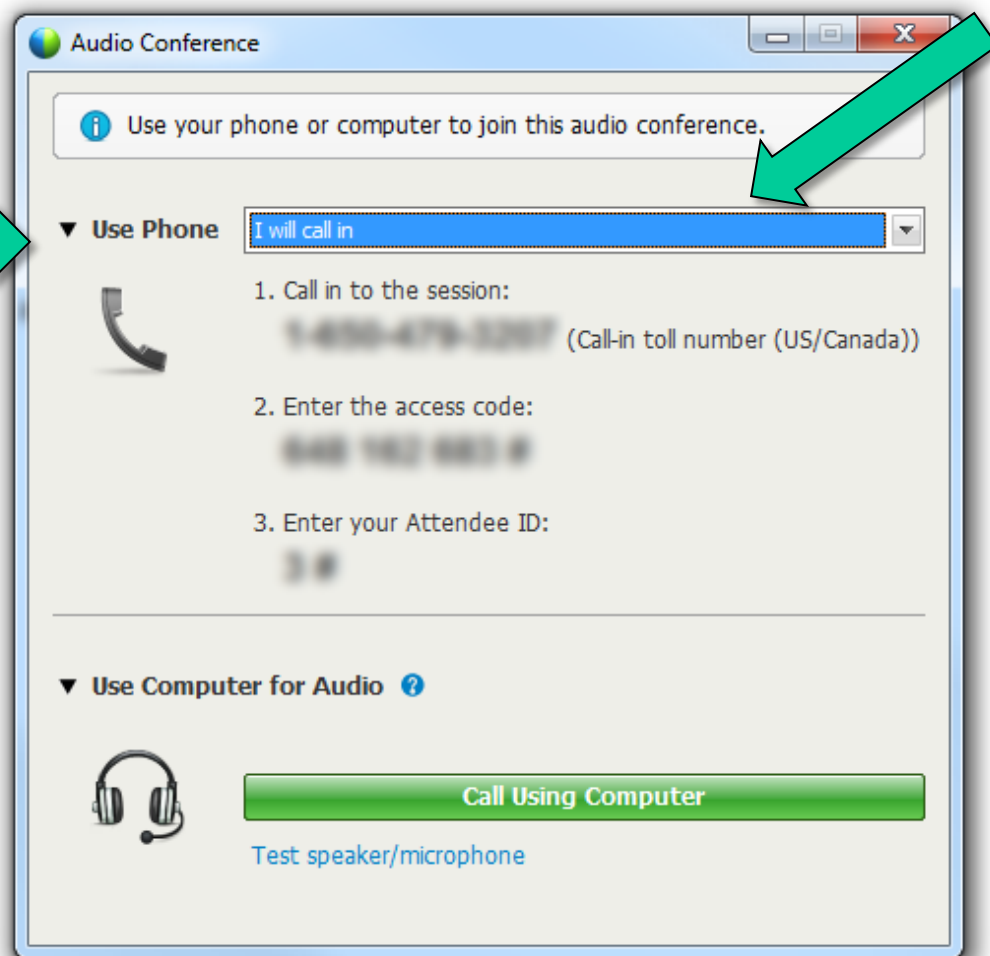
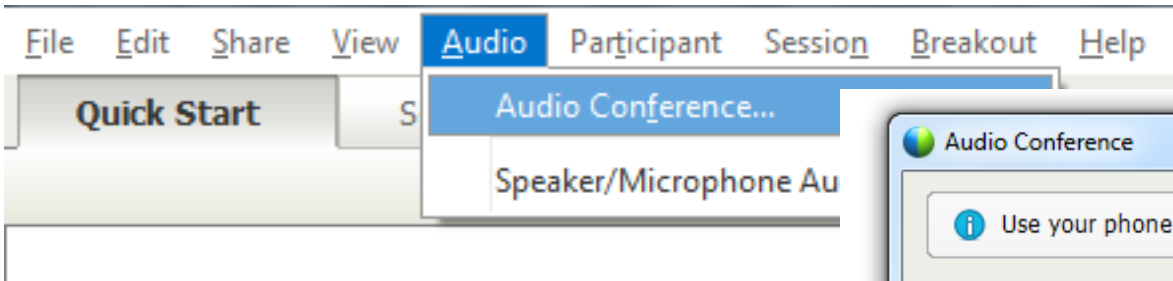


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This screenshot shows the expanded Q&A panel. It features a header with tabs for 'All (1)' and 'My Q&A (1)'. The main content area displays a question from Mike at 9:12 AM: 'What time does the presentation start?' and an answer from Michael Ward at 9:13 AM: 'The presentation starts at 9:30.' At the bottom, there is an 'Ask:' dropdown menu set to 'All Panelists', a text input field containing 'Where can I get a copy of the slides?', and a 'Send' button. A green arrow points from the 'Send' button in this screenshot to the 'Send' button in the screenshot on the left.

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Ray Cebula, Employment & Disability Institute, Cornell University

The Ticket to Work Program

Shauna Dahlgren and Raina Gulbrandson, Nebraska Ticket to Work

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Raina Gulbrandson

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National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Ray Cebula

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Questions and Answers

Presentation Team

Get to Know Ben



The Ticket To Work Program



Taking the Next Step

- Gathering information and resources is key to planning your journey toward employment.
- **Ticket to Work** and **Work Incentives** can help make your journey a smooth one.



Starting the Journey

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



Why Choose Work?

- Earn more income
- Gain independence
- Meet new people
- Learn new skills



The Ticket to Work Program

- Supports career development for people with disabilities who want to work
- Is for Social Security disability beneficiaries age 18 through 64
- Is free and voluntary



Social Security Disability Benefit Programs



Social
Security
Disability
Insurance

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Supplemental
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Income

Social Security Disability Benefit Programs



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Work Incentives

Work Incentives

Work Incentives are special rules that allow you to:

- Receive training for new skills
- Improve the skills you already have
- Pursue your education
- Try different jobs
- Start a career
- Gain confidence



Most Common Work Incentives



Earned
Income
Exclusion



Protection from
Medical
Continuing
Disability
Reviews



Trial Work
Period



Continuation
of Medicare
Coverage



Section
1619(b)
Continued
Medicaid
Eligibility



Expedited
Reinstatement



Megan's Journey to Financial Independence

2008

Diagnosed with
clinical depression

2010

Connected with
an Employment
Network



2011

Successfully worked
her way off benefits

2013

Back to benefits
through extended
period of eligibility
(EPE)



2014

Back to work
as a Zumba
instructor

Your Employment Team

Employment Team



Employment Networks (EN)

- Career Planning
- Job Leads and Job Placement
- Ongoing Employment Support
- Benefits Counseling



State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agencies

- Intensive Training
- Education
- Rehabilitation
- Career Counseling
- Job Placement Assistance
- Benefits Counseling



Work Incentives Planning & Assistance (WIPA) projects

- Benefits Counseling
- Other Federal and State programs



Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)

- Individual Advocacy/Conflict Resolution

Employment Networks (EN)



ENs are organizations and agencies that entered into an agreement with Social Security to provide

- Free employment services
- Vocational rehabilitation services
- and other types of support services to people receiving Social Security disability benefits with disabilities under the Ticket to Work program

Many **Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies** also serve as ENs

Employment Networks (EN)



EN services may include:

- Career Planning
- Job Leads and Job Placement
- Ongoing Employment Support
- Benefits Counseling

Selecting the Right EN



Tips for selecting an EN

- Determine what kind of help you need
- Talk with multiple ENs
- Ask questions

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- Intensive Training
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Work Incentives Planning & Assistance (WIPA) projects



Working with a WIPA project can help you:

- Decide whether the Ticket to Work program is right for you.
- Understand the **potential benefits of employment** as a person who receives disability benefits from Social Security while dispelling the myths about working.
- Analyze how **work and earnings will affect** your Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), health care, and other public benefits.
- **Understand the services** a State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency or an Employment Network (EN) may provide and how they might fit best with your needs.

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)



PABSS services are:

- **Located throughout the 50 states, U.S. territories, and the Tribal Nations.**
- **Designed to help SSI and SSDI beneficiaries with disabilities remove obstacles preventing them from working.**
- **Free to everyone that receives a Social Security benefit or Medicare/Medicaid based on disability benefits.**



National Disability Employment Awareness Month



EXPECT. EMPLOY. EMPOWER.

What can YOU do?

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT
AWARENESS MONTH



OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

www.dol.gov/oddep

The purpose of **National Disability Employment Awareness Month** is to spread the word about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.



Held annually, National Disability Employment Awareness Month is led by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, but its true spirit lies in the many observances held at the grassroots level across the nation every year. **Employers of all sizes and in all industries** are encouraged to participate in NDEAM.



Disability Mentoring Day

- Has been and continues to be officially launched the third Wednesday of each October, the foundation of the program has expanded from a one-day event to a **year-round initiative** across the country.
- Is a program of the **American Association of People with Disabilities**.

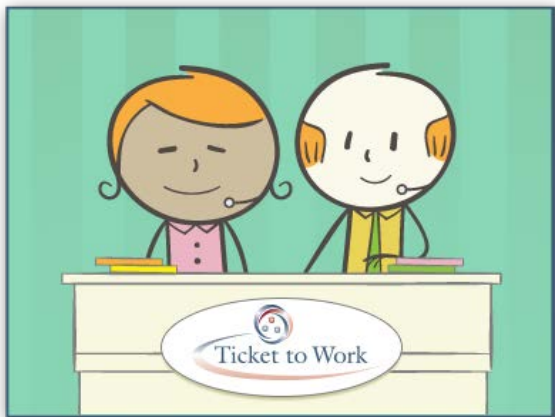
What is Mentoring?

- Involves a **formal or informal relationship** that develops overtime between two people, a senior mentor and a junior mentee.
- Mentors provide **wisdom, technical knowledge, assistance, support and empathy.**
- They are **more than** just an advisor.

Are you...

- Thinking of **returning to work**, but fearful that your disability may get in the way of you being successful on the job?
- **Looking for a job** and in need of job search support?
- Stressed from your **job search**?
- Currently working and need **support and guidance** on how to keep your job?

- If you answered yes to any of the above questions, **having a mentor can help you overcome these barriers.**
- If you have ever experienced any of these challenges and overcame them with the help of a mentor or on your own, consider offering to take another job seeker or worker with disabilities under your wing and **mentoring them.**



Resources

Find Help Tool

Visit: www.choosework.net/findhelp to search for the right service provider for you.

You can search by:

- ZIP code
- Services offered
- Disability types
- Languages spoken
- Provider type (EN, VR, WIPA or PABSS)

For More Information





Call the Ticket to Work Help Line:

- 1-866-968-7842 (V)
- 1-866-833-2967 (TTY)

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