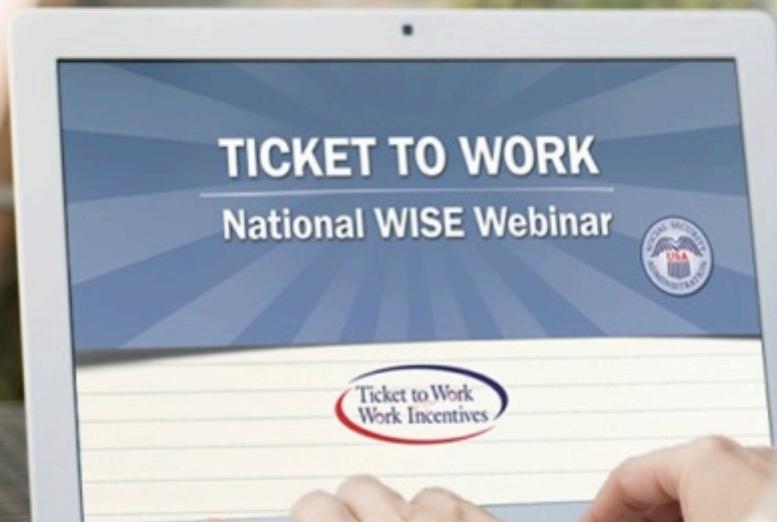


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# TICKET TO WORK

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

**Work Incentives Seminar Event**



Date: Wednesday, October 22

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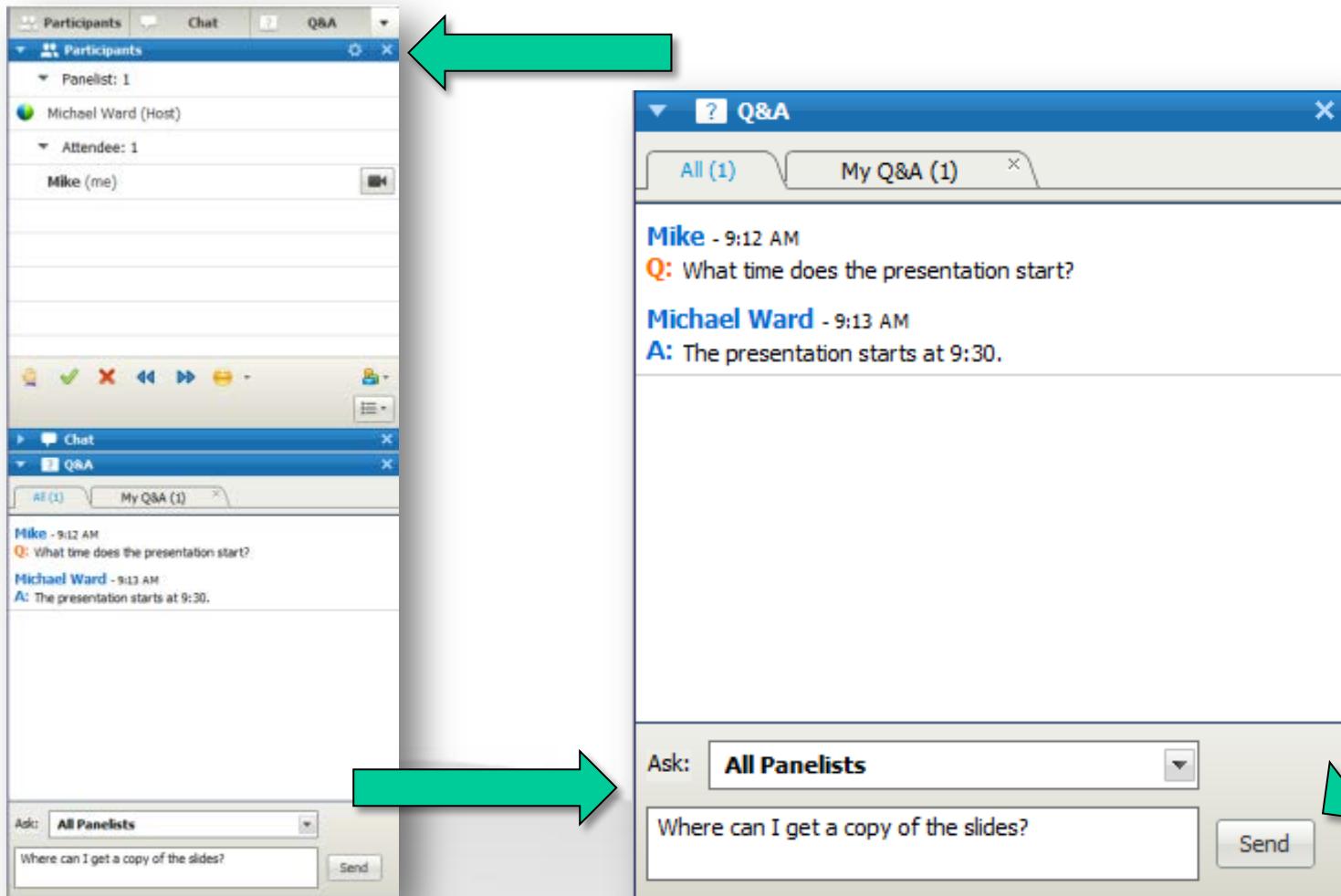
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# The Ticket To Work Program



## 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

SSDI

Social  
Security  
Disability  
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Supplemental  
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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





# 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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# 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



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NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT  
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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](http://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:

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# Questions

