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# TICKET TO WORK

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**For America's Veterans: You supported our country.  
We'll help you achieve financial independence.**

**Work Incentives  
Seminar Event**



Date: Wednesday, November 19  
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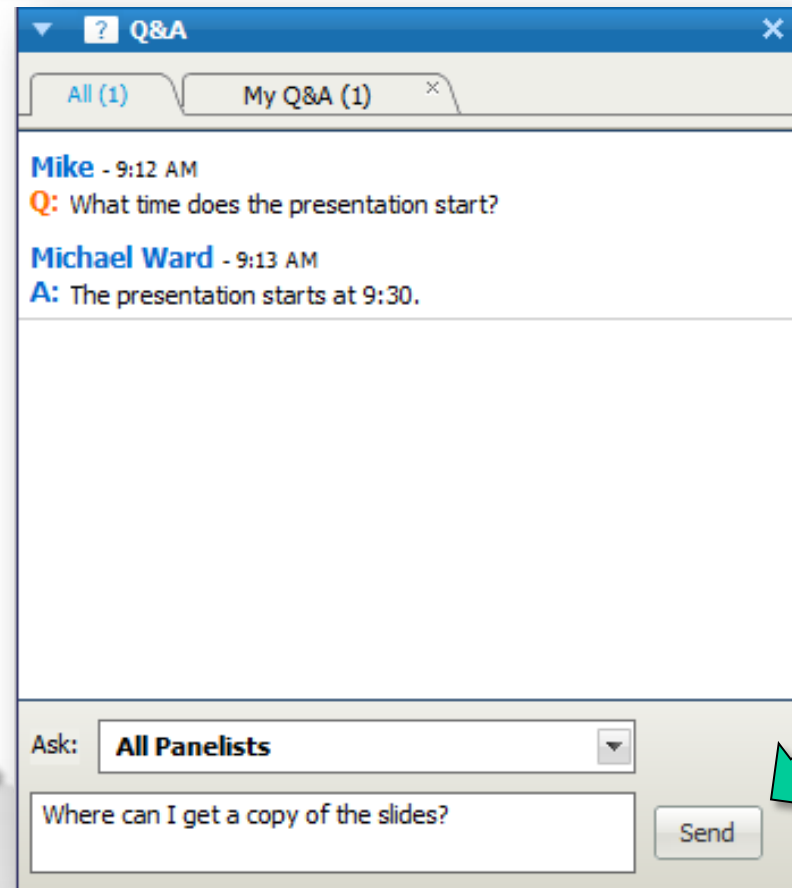
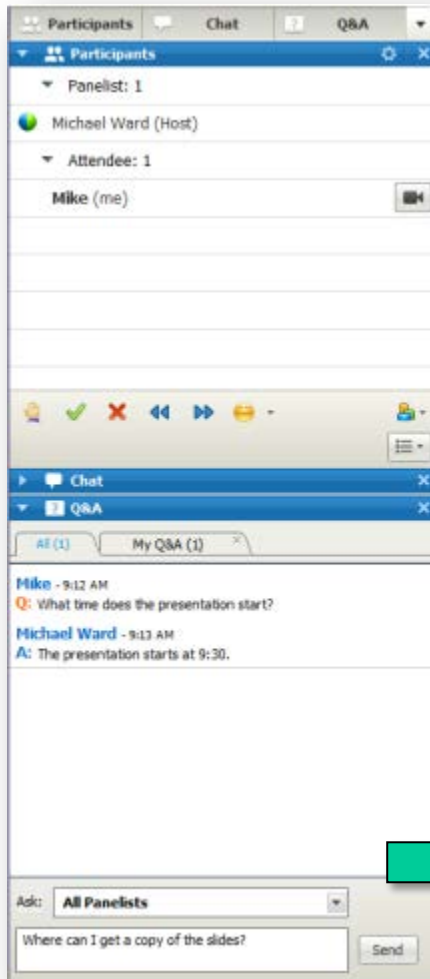
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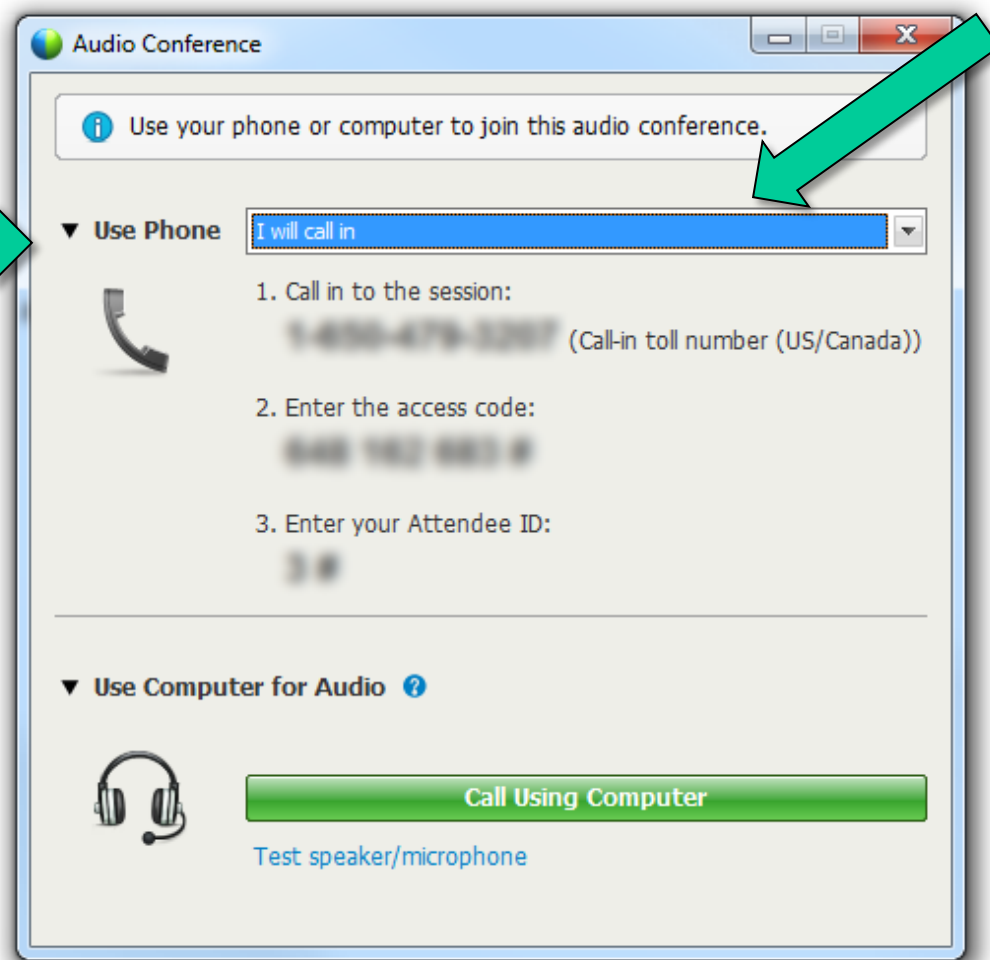
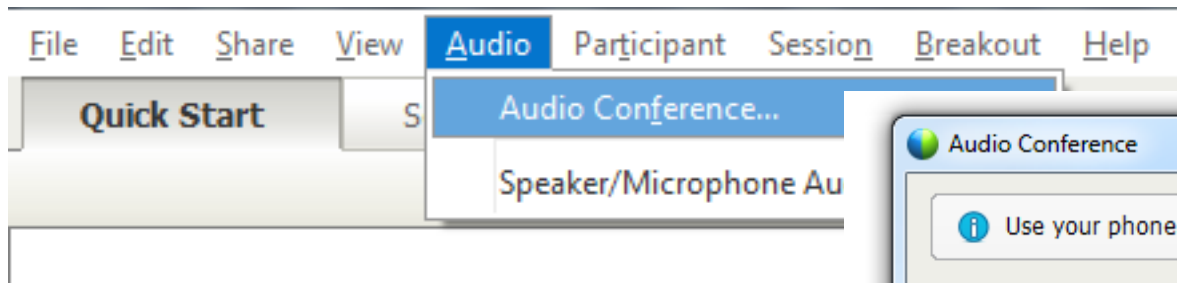
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Presentation Team



# Social Security Disability Benefit Programs



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# Ticket to Work for America's Veterans



## Get to Know Ben



# Ticket to Work for America's Veterans

- This month, we honor **America's veterans**. Many veterans with disabilities face challenges reintegrating into society and finding a good job or restarting a career interrupted by their service.
- **Ticket to Work** and **Work Incentives** can help make that journey a smoother one.



# Ticket to Work for America's Veterans

The Ticket to Work program can help veterans age **18 through 64** who receive Social Security disability benefits (SSDI and/or SSI) explore their **work options** and **pursue their career goals**.





## Taking the Next Step

- Gathering information and resources is key to planning your journey toward employment!



# Ticket to Work for America's Veterans

As a veteran, you have much  
to **offer** employers:

- **Skills** and **experience**
- **Discipline** and **teamwork**
- **Courage** and **resilience**



# Ticket to Work for America's Veterans

As a veteran, you have much to **gain** from working:

- **Financial independence**
- A chance to use your **current skills** and **develop** new ones
- The chance to **connect with people** on the job and in your community



## Starting the Journey

Take advantage of Social Security's **Ticket to Work** program to get the help you need.

Ticket to Work's support services and resources can help you find a meaningful career after your military service.



# 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**





# Work Incentives

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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



# Operation: Job Ready Veterans

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- **OJRV** is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preparing service members, veterans, military spouses and caregivers for **successful employment** by connecting them with employers that seek top quality, well-trained employees.
- OJRV makes a personal connection and assists veterans of all eras and ability levels with their **employment and career goals**.

## 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

## Meet Robert! A Ticket to Work Success Story





## Paralyzed Veteran's of America (PVA)

For more than 68 years, PVA has been on a mission to **change lives** and **build brighter futures** for seriously injured heroes—to empower these brave men and women with what they need to achieve the things they fought for: **freedom** and **independence**.

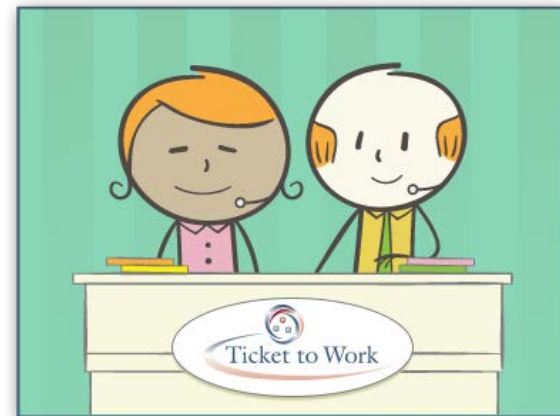
PVA's work continues to create an America where all veterans and people with disabilities, and their families, have everything they need to live full and productive lives.



<http://www.pva.org>



## Additional Resources



## Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Services

VR&E is a program of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

- You may receive vocational rehabilitation and employment services to help with **job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching.**
- Other services may be provided to assist veterans in **starting their own businesses** or **independent living services** for those who have severe disabilities that make traditional employment difficult.



<http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/>

## Hire Heroes USA

Hiring Our Heroes, a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, helps **veterans**, **transitioning service members**, and **military spouses** find meaningful employment.

- Hosted more than 750 hiring fairs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.
- To date, 24,000 veterans and military spouses have obtained jobs.



<https://www.hireheroesusa.org/>

## Veteran Recruiting

- Veteran Recruiting is dedicated to serving the military community, including those with disabilities, by providing access to industry-leading employers through **virtual career fairs** and **live video interviewing services**.
- **Connect** with potential employers to **explore** a wide range of jobs available to you.



<http://www.veteranrecruiting.com/>

## National Resource Directory

The National Resource Directory's (NRD) Veterans Job Bank (VJB) is available to all veterans and employers looking to hire veterans.

- Provides a central source for identifying veteran-committed employment opportunities.
- Assists America's employers in identifying qualified veterans.
- The VJB contains **hundreds of thousands of private-sector job openings specifically for veterans.**



[www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/nrd](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/nrd)

## Find Help Tool

Visit: [www.choosework.net/findhelp](http://www.choosework.net/findhelp) to search for the right Ticket to Work service provider for you.

You can search by:

- ZIP code
- Services offered
- Disability types
- Languages spoken
- Provider type (EN, VR, WIPA or PABSS)
- Provider experience working with an audience (e.g. veterans)



## For More Information





### Call the Ticket to Work Help Line:

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

### Visit:

- [www.socialsecurity.gov/work](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work)

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## Share a Success Story!

- Social Security's Ticket to Work program may be looking for you.
- Are you age **18 through 64**? Do you currently or did you, in the past, participate in Social Security's **Ticket to Work** program?
- We are looking for veterans who are willing to share their success with the Ticket to Work program.



Help make someone else's transition to work easier! Submit your story to [stories@choosework.net](mailto:stories@choosework.net).





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# Questions

