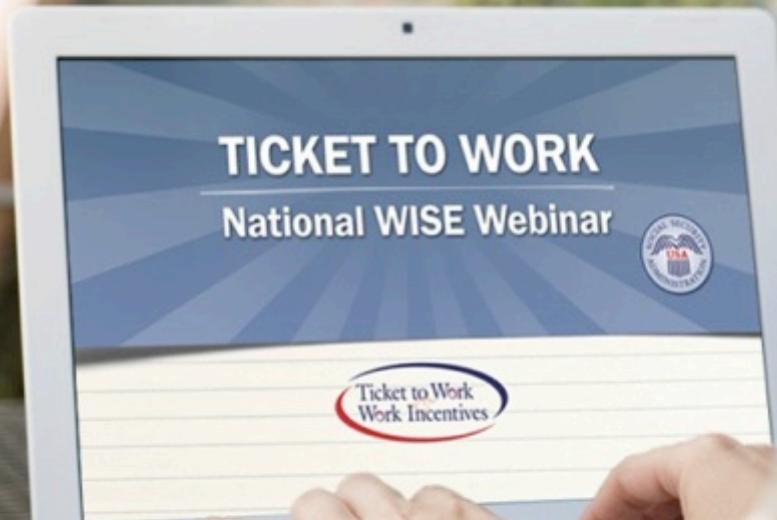


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# TICKET TO WORK

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

**Work Incentives Seminar Event**



Date: Wednesday, December 17

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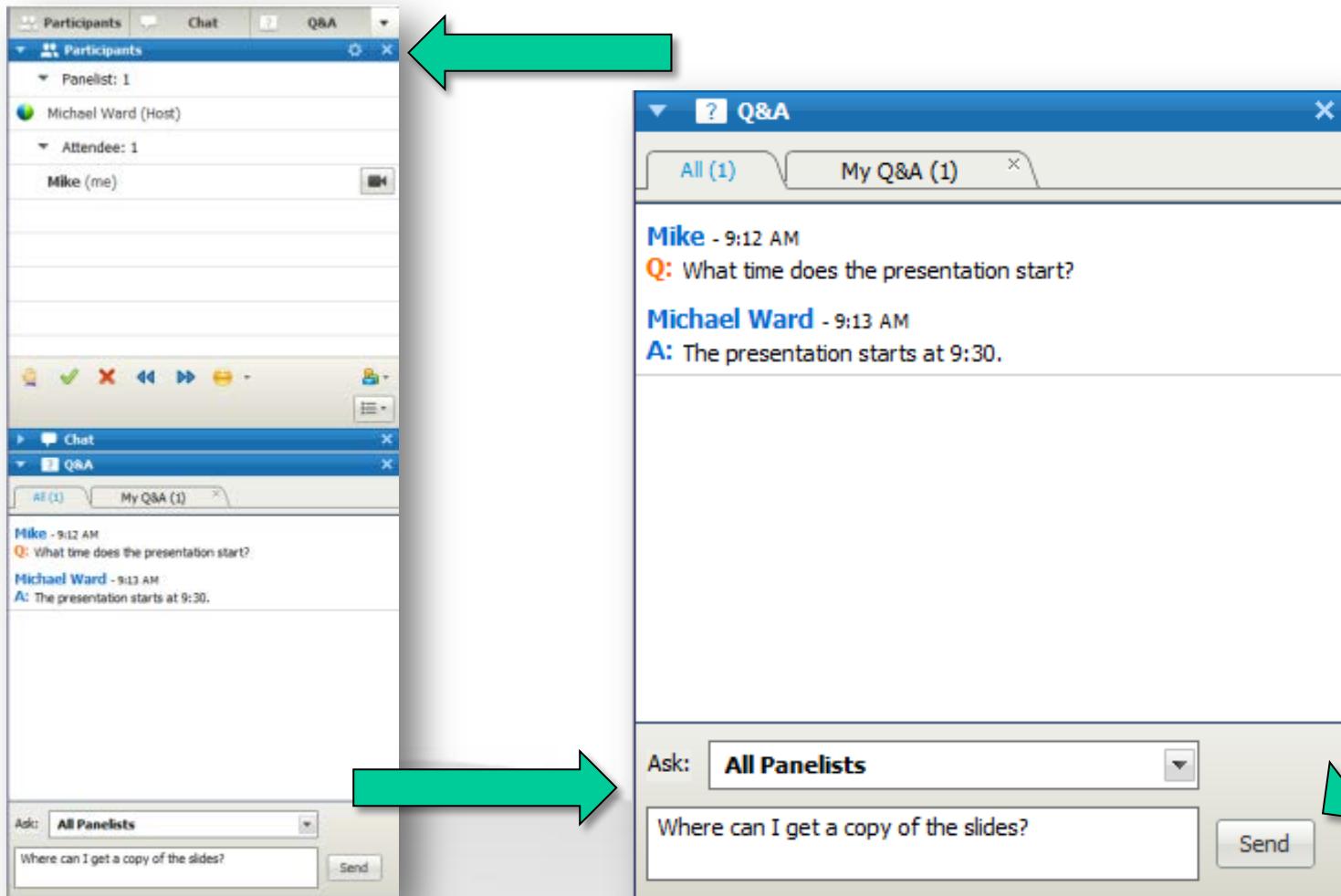
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## Welcome and Introductions

Ray Cebula, Employment & Disability Institute, Cornell University

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Kendra Berry, Indiana Works

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Tina Skeel and Kendra Berry, Indiana Works

## Celebrating 15 Years of Ticket to Work

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# Social Security Disability Benefit Programs

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## 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





# 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



# 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 (Medicare or Medicaid), 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.



LOOKING BACK  
*MOVING FORWARD* **15**  
Celebrating 15 Years of Ticket to Work 1999 - 2014



December 17, 2014 marks the 15-year anniversary of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999.

This law has been helping thousands of Social Security beneficiaries explore and find meaningful employment and move toward financial independence.

**TICKET TO WORK**  
Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999

*Signed into law*  
in 1999 by President Bill Clinton.

Officially reaches all 50 states and DC in 2003.

800 service providers make up the "Employment Team" that supports people with disabilities on their journey to financial independence. Use the Find Help tool!

EN PABSS  
WF VR WIPA

**15 WORK INCENTIVES**  
make it easier for people with disabilities to work and still receive Medicaid and Medicare and some cash benefits from Social Security during their transition to work and financial independence.

More than 200,000 calls come to the Ticket to Work Help Line annually.

**200,000**

**SECTION 503** of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, creates new opportunities for Ticket to Work participants. Social Security anticipates increased employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities among federal contractors and subcontractors.

Sets a national 7% utilization goal for federal contractors with the aim to increase the representation of people with disabilities in their workforce.

**7%**

*Come in  
WE'RE  
HIRING*

New hiring goal could potentially mean jobs for an additional 600,000 people with disabilities.

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

**15** YEARS



## 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

