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Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC)

FREE confidential services by our CWIC are available to persons with disabilities receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) between the ages of 14 and 65.

Services include:

- Information and referral
- Benefits Summary and Analysis
- Benefits Planning, Management & Follow up
- Support Planning
- Work Incentive Implementation

If you are working, or considering returning to work, there are several SSA programs offering work incentives which can extend your cash benefits and medical coverage. A Community Work Incentive Coordinator (CWIC) can help you to better understand your work incentive options and how working will affect your benefits.

What are Work Incentives?

The Social Security Administration provides various work incentives in order to ease the transition to work. Some of the work incentives that are available are:

- 9 month Trial Work Period
- Extended Period of Eligibility
- Subsidy
- Student Earned Income Exclusion
- Impairment Related Work Expense
- Continued Medicare
- Extended Medicaid

Benefits Planning is for you if:

- You are a young adult transitioning from high school to work or college.
- You want to build your knowledge about benefits for which you may be eligible.
- You want to make informed decisions about work.
- You want to see if you are able to increase your net income.
- You want to work, or increase the numbers of hours you work.
- You want a better understanding of how working affects your benefits.
- You want to know how earnings from employment affect other benefits.

The Challenge:

Persons with disabilities continue to experience underemployment and unemployment at an unacceptable rate. Studies indicate that about 70% of persons with disabilities are unemployed nationwide.

The Opportunity:

Various SSA work incentives are available to SSI recipients & SSDI beneficiaries. Recent statistics indicate that only 1/2 of 1% of persons with disabilities receiving SSDI return to work and become ineligible for benefits.

The Focus

The focus of the program is to help people with disabilities make informed choices about work, afford them the opportunity to be a part of the working community, and to help them become self-sufficient through the use of work incentives.

Areas Covered:

Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Prince William, Manassas, Manassas Park, Orange, Greene, Madison, Culpeper, Rappahannock, Fauquier, King George, Caroline, Richmond County, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Lancaster, Essex, King and Queen, Middlesex, Mathews and King William