

# Work Incentives Planning & Assistance

*How much can I earn before I lose my benefits?  
How will employment affect my Medicaid and Medicare?  
What is a Work Incentive?*

In cooperation with the Social Security Administration, Southeastern Vocational Services (SVS) will provide information about benefits and work incentives available to people 14-65 who receive SSI or SSDI.

## **The Mission of the program is:**

- To promote employment through informed choice on the effect of work on individual benefits
- To increase the financial freedom of individuals with disabilities
- To enhance the self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities through managing their own benefits in a responsible way

## **Services provided include:**

- To inform and educate beneficiaries and their stakeholders about SSI/SSDI benefits and work incentives
- To conduct comprehensive analysis presenting options for consideration
- To provide information and referral to other community resources
- To provide benefits counseling, advocacy, and support planning

Our Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWICs) will assist you in understanding the impact work will have on your SSDI/Medicare, as well as your SSI/Medicaid benefits. CWICS also explore with you how to best utilize the various work incentives available.

## **The WIPA program is not intended to:**

- Provide job placement services
- Assist individuals with applying for SSI/SSDI benefits
- Report income to the SSA for beneficiaries
- Provide legal representation or assist with the SSA appeals process
- Serve as tax or investment advisors

We are working closely with SSA to provide accurate information and planning services to beneficiaries in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Liberty, Gulf, and Franklin counties.

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