



### **Benefits Counseling Services**

Did you know **you can work** even if you receive disability benefits? It's true. If you have disability benefits and want to work, program rules called work incentives make work possible.

You can learn about these incentives by contacting a Work Incentives Benefits Specialist. These benefit specialists can show you how to establish and use work incentives like:

- Plan to Achieve Self-Support
- Impairment Related Work Incentives
- Student Earned Income Exclusion
- Continued Medicaid coverage for Individuals who Work 1619(b)

These are just a few!

### **Navigating Benefits and Work**

If you have multiple benefits, it can be difficult to navigate all of the different systems. Benefits like FoodShare, Housing, Medicaid, and others may change when you are working. A Work Incentives Benefits Specialist can support you with these changes while you work.

When you connect with a Work Incentives Benefits Specialist, you will find out:

- What work incentives are available to you.
- How to report your earned income.
- How to minimize overpayments.
- How to access and maintain your health insurance.
- What happens when you increase your income?

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Work Incentives Benefits Specialists can assist you at all stages of employment. Services may be just-in-time, ongoing, and for the short-term or long-term. Some of the services you could receive include:

- Support with communicating with various agencies such as Social Security or Human Services.
- Benefits Summary & Analysis – a written report summarizing your current benefit and employment situation.
- Ongoing support when there are changes with your income, insurance, or household.
- Developing a plan for coordinating and managing work, work incentives, and working off of benefits.

*If you have benefits and want to work, a benefits specialist can provide you with the tools to manage your benefits or work off of your benefits. You will find out how you can be more self-sufficient and increase your income. Building a relationship with a benefits specialist early on can contribute to a long lasting resource throughout your career.*

**Your Promise DVR Counselor can help you connect with a Work Incentives Benefits Specialist.**

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