



## Disability Benefits Counseling Services

### FREE RESOURCE FOR SSA DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES RETURNING TO WORK

The Social Security Administration (SSA) encourages disability beneficiaries to work to their fullest capability. SSA provides work supports that help beneficiaries try work, obtain items necessary for work, save income, maintain cash and medical benefits for a period of time, and easily access benefits in the future.

When a beneficiary requests Disability Benefits Counseling Services, the Benefits Counseling advice is specific to that beneficiary. The information includes guidance about available options towards reaching employment and financial goals, and it helps the beneficiary make informed choices about work. Benefits Counseling Services can help people make informed choices about work and communicate effectively with SSA.

### Individuals Eligible to Receive Disability Benefits Counseling Services:

Disability Benefits Counseling Services are available to Social Security Disability beneficiaries who are working or are actively looking for work. Social Security Disability beneficiaries include individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Childhood Disability Benefits (CDB), or Disabled Widow(er) Benefits (DWB).

### What Disability Benefits Counseling Services Cost:

Disability Benefits Counseling Services are free of charge. There is never a cost to the beneficiary for services provided.

### How to Locate a Disability Benefits Counseling Services Provider:

The Social Security Administration lists Disability Benefits Counseling providers on their Ticket to Work website: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp/>. Enter your zip code to connect with local resources and services. Disability Benefits Counseling Services are provided by Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Projects (WIPA), many Employment Networks (ENs) and many Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) offices. If you cannot find Disability Benefits Counseling Services in your area, contact the Ticket to Work Helpline at 1-866-968-7842 (V)/1-866-833-2967 (TTY).