

Are you ready to choose work?

Are you ready to:

- Increase your income?
- Explore your work options?
- Gain greater personal fulfillment through work?

The Ticket to Work Program and the Social Security Work Incentives can help you...

- Decide what kind of work is right for you.
- Keep your Medicaid/Medicare while you work.
- Meet the right people and find the right services for you.
- Receive employment support on your way to success.

Social Security's Ticket to Work program and Work Incentives can help you find meaningful work. If you're age 18 through full retirement age and receive Social Security disability benefits, you can take advantage of these free services.

To receive information on Ticket to Work call 1-866-968-7842 (V) or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY).

If you are ready to start working and want to receive WIPA services call 1-800-739-0118.



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Hostos CUNY Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA)

**Do you receive Social Security
Disability Benefits SSDI or SSI?**

**Do you want to work but are
afraid of losing your benefits?**

WIPA has the answer to your concerns!

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Do you live in the Bronx or Manhattan?

Are you ready to work but you need help deciding if work is right for you?

WIPA can help you make informed choices about work!

Work Incentives Planning & Assistance Program offers accurate information, guidance and direct support to assist Social Security SSDI and SSI disability beneficiaries in their journey to achieve financial independence through their ultimate work goal.

WIPA will help you learn about Social Security's special rules and work incentives that permit SSI and SSDI disability beneficiaries to work, earn more money and save.

Who is eligible to participate in WIPA?

SSA disability beneficiaries who receive SSDI and/or SSI benefits between age 14 and full retirement age that live in the borough of the Bronx or Manhattan who are working, actively looking for work, have a pending job offer, or attending an educational/vocational program with the goal of obtaining employment.

Are you worried about what will happen to your cash benefit and your health insurance (Medicare/Medicaid)?

Meeting with a WIPA Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) is especially important!

The Hostos CUNY bilingual Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) is Social Security certified to provide in depth counseling and benefits analysis to SSI and SSDI disability beneficiaries who want to work.

How Can CWICs help you?

CWICs help you make informed choices about work and understand your best options if you choose to work.

How to use Social Security Administration (SSA) work incentives to test your abilities to work without fear of losing cash benefits, Medicare, Medicaid and other benefits your family may be receiving, such as housing subsidy and SNAP.

How to use work incentives to increase your earnings and make more money.

The CWIC will meet with you individually to review and analyze the benefits that you are receiving and will provide ongoing counseling on how to use applicable work incentives.

Connection and referral to additional resources and supportive services needed to assist you in obtaining and maintaining your employment goal.