

The Ticket to Work program is a free and voluntary program, sponsored by the Social Security Administration, designed to offer employment support services for individuals with disabilities who want to work and earn enough to become self-supporting.

The goals of the Ticket to Work program are to:

- Offer beneficiaries with disabilities expanded choices when seeking services and support to enter, re-enter, and/or maintain employment
- Increase the financial independence and self-sufficiency of beneficiaries with disabilities
- Reduce and, whenever possible, eliminate reliance on disability benefits

**ArundelAbilities Work** an initiative of **AAWDC**

An employment network for the Ticket to Work program serving persons with disabilities in Anne Arundel County, EmployAbilities Arundel provides job placement assistance services and other resources to adults 18-64 who are interested in returning to the workforce.

EmployAbilities Arundel provides guidance that is tailored to your needs with a focus on your strengths, not your weaknesses. We believe there is a job for everyone if you are determined and willing to put forth effort to find it. Our support focuses on helping you find employment that fits your skills and abilities, so that you can develop your career and look forward to your future.

#### **Eligibility:**

- 18-64 years of age
- Receiving SSI or SSDI
- Eligible for the Social Security “Ticket to Work” program
- Committed to becoming employed and work toward the possibility of becoming self-supporting and working off benefits

#### **Why Sign up for Ticket to Work?**

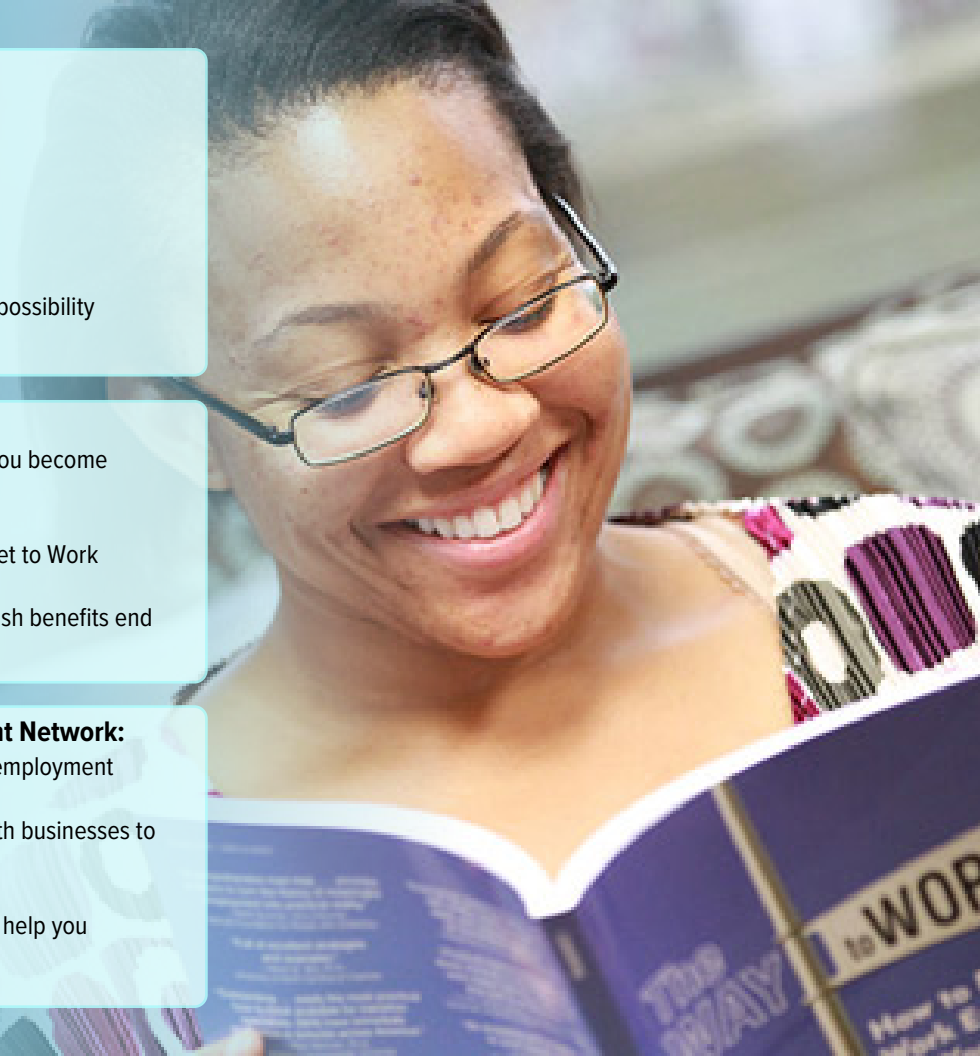
- If your cash benefits end because of your earnings, and you become disabled again (within five years) you don’t have to reapply
- Medical reviews will be waived while participating in Ticket to Work
- You can keep your Medicare or Medicaid benefits after cash benefits end due to work or earnings

#### **Benefits of assigning your ticket to our Employment Network:**

- Focus is placed on those who require assistance to gain employment
- Access to a Business Solutions team who work closely with businesses to identify job opportunities for you
- We partner with community support services providers to help you overcome barriers to employment

## **Available Services:**

- Goal setting
- Career counseling
- Skills assessment
- Job preparedness workshops
- Individual work plan development to explore your expectations, goals, and employment preferences
- Occupational training opportunities
- Resume assistance
- Interview preparation
- Job search assistance
- Job referrals
- Support to overcome challenges
- Employment retention support
- Benefit Counseling



If you receive Social Security Disability and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits, you may wonder how working could impact your disability benefits.

## How it works....

Your participation begins when we develop an Individualized Work Plan (IWP) with you. Then your career planning and job search can begin. Once employed you are given a trial work period, which allows you to test your ability to work for at least 9 months while still receiving your cash benefits. Additionally, special rules apply depending on the benefit type you receive, SSDI or SSI. If you cannot continue working for any reason, because of your disability, your benefits may start again without having to fill out a new application.

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