Benefits Planning & Assistance

Benefits Planning is for Individuals Who:

- Want to work
- Want to increase their income
- Want to be able to make informed choices
- Want to understand how going to work will affect their Social Security and other benefits

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Employment & Your Social Security Benefits

Benefits Planning Services Offered

Eligibility Information

The fear of losing benefits prevents many individuals with disabilities from seeking work or returning to work

Many people mistakenly believe that they cannot work because they are receiving disability benefits from the Social Security Administration, and that if they work they will immediately lose all benefits.

The Social Security Administration encourages people receiving benefits to try work through utilization of the provision of work incentives. Utilizing these work incentives an individual can determine if they can improve their quality of life without irrevocably sacrificing all of their benefits.



- Advice on working and earning potential while receiving Social Security Disability or SSI cash benefits
- Benefits analysis: Summary of current benefits with an analysis of how these benefits may be impacted by employment
- Evaluation of available options and development of an individualized action plan for utilizing available work incentives
- Plan to Achieve Self Support (PASS)
 Assists in the development of PASS and ensures that it is properly submitted to SSA
- Information and assistance in understanding the potential impact of changes in life situations
- Information, referral and problemsolving support
- Ongoing assistance to help you manage your benefits as you transition into employment

Individuals who are eligible to receive services include Nevadan's with disabilities who:

Receive Social Security disability benefits, i.e., Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and

Are employed or interested in becoming employed at the time the services are provided, and

Are between the ages of 14 and 65, and

Reside in one of the following Northern Nevada counties: Humboldt, Elko, White Pine Nye, Pershing, Lander or Eureka.