



## **Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program**

### **Social Security’s “Ticket to Work” and Other Work Incentives Can Help You Return to Work and Stay Employed**

The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program is a free and confidential service designed to help you to understand work rules and regulations and to access work incentives available under the SSI and SSDI programs. A WIPA Coordinator can meet with you to discuss how returning to work will impact your benefits as well as recommend work incentives that can maximize your income and health care options as you return to work and achieve greater financial independence. We can also help you identify and access appropriate Employment Networks and other employment support services that can help you return to work.

#### **Services We Provide**

- Assisting Social Security beneficiaries choosing to work. The Social Security Administration (Social Security) offers numerous work incentives that can help you transition into employment;
- Identifying statewide services that can help you identify and use these work incentives;
- Enhancing your participation in the Ticket to Work, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), Individualized Education Plan (IEP), or other employment strategy;

- Identifying appropriate health care options;
- Providing training and education on Social Security work incentives;
- Identifying additional resources and supports; and
- Referring you to DRP’s Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) Program, which provides free assistance to persons who receive Social Security benefits concerning discrimination and barriers to obtaining work, returning to work, or maintaining work.

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### **Ticket to Work Helpline:**

1-866-968-7842 (voice)  
1-866-833-2967 (TDD)  
[www.ssa.gov/work](http://www.ssa.gov/work)

### **About Disability Rights Pennsylvania**

Disability Rights Pennsylvania (DRP) is a statewide, non–profit corporation designated as the federally–mandated organization to advance and protect the civil rights of adults and children with disabilities. DRP works with people with disabilities and their families to ensure their right to live in their communities with the services they need, to receive a full and inclusive education, to live free of discrimination, abuse and neglect, and to have control and self–determination over their services.

## **Our Mission**

The mission of Disability Rights Pennsylvania is to protect and advocate for rights of people with disabilities so that they may live the lives they choose, free from abuse, neglect, discrimination, and segregation. Due to our limited resources, Disability Rights Pennsylvania cannot provide individual services to every person with advocacy and legal issues. Disability Rights Pennsylvania prioritizes cases that have the potential to result in widespread, systemic changes to benefit persons with disabilities. While we cannot provide assistance to everyone, we do seek to provide every individual with information and referral options.

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