

Handy Tips

- While employment may not be a goal for everyone, it can be an important aspect of recovery. Continuing services should include encouraging those who are capable to try to work.
- Before beginning work, people who receive SSI and/or SSDI should meet with a benefits planner at SSA to understand the potential impact of employment on their benefits. SSA's benefits planners are knowledgeable about the nuances of work incentive programs.
- Obtain information in writing on the potential impact of work on the person's benefits.
- To avoid any difficulties, people who receive SSI and /or SSDI should report any changes in income or employment circumstances to SSA. Case managers can assist as needed and retain copies of any documents or information submitted to SSA.
- Learning about work incentives provides case managers with important information in assisting people with their benefits.
- The work section of the SSA website contains a great deal of useful information. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov/work and explore.