

## **Social Security Disability Recipients (SSDI/SSI) – Additional Supports Available**

If you receive disability benefits from Social Security, you are eligible for additional **free** work supports.

- 1) **Work Incentives Planning & Assistance (WIPA)** – WIPA projects are organizations within your community that provide benefits counseling to help you make informed choices about work. WIPAs are staffed by Community Work Incentive Coordinators (CWICs) who provide in-depth counseling about working, earning more money, and how working may affect your benefits. If you're just getting started and want basic incentive information, contact the Ticket to Work Help Line at **866-968-7842 (866-833-2967-TTY)** or check out the Ticket to Work website at <https://choosework.ssa.gov/>. If you are working, about to start work, actively looking for work, or seeking resources to get vocational training or education, you can contact one of the two WIPA providers in Kentucky:

Center for Accessible Living      844-689-6620

Counties covered: Ballard, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Edmonson, Fulton, Graves, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Jefferson, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Meade, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, and Webster.

Goodwill Industries of Kentucky      866-336-3316

Counties covered: Adair, Allen, Anderson, Barren, Bath, Bell, Boone, Bourbon, Boyd, Boyle, Bracken, Breathitt, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Casey, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Franklin, Gallatin, Garrard, Grant, Green, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Hart, Henry, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Kenton, Knott, Knox, Larue, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Marion, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Menifee, Mercer, Metcalfe, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nelson, Nicholas, Oldham, Owen, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Taylor, Trimble, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe, and Woodford.

*(In addition to the WIPA programs, there are a number of Community Partner Work Incentive Counselors who may provide benefits counseling for a fee. The Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) has in-house benefits counselors or can pay for a benefit analysis for some consumers. Feel free to talk to your OVR counselor about this option.)*

- 2) **Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)** – This program can help you if you have a disability-related employment issue. PABSS advocates provide legal support, advocacy and information to assist beneficiaries to resolve employment-related concerns.

Kentucky Protection & Advocacy is Kentucky's PABSS provider. Their phone number is 800-372-2988.

- 3) **Ticket to Work (TTW)** – If you have an assignable Ticket to Work, your Ticket will be put in use with OVR once your Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) is signed. This allows you to receive Continuing Disability Review (CDR) protection as long as you meet the TTW timely progress guidelines. Upon successful completion of your program with OVR, you can reassign your Ticket to an Employment Network for ongoing employment support and further CDR protection (if eligible).

Information about Employment Networks can be found at <https://choosework.ssa.gov/> or by calling 866-968-7842 (TTY 866-833-2967).