

# Do you want to work while maintaining your benefits?

Find out how Work  
Incentives Planning and  
Assistance can help.



## **CHECKLIST**

- Benefits Planning***
- SSI/SSDI***
- Medicaid***

For general information or to be referred for WIPA Services, contact IATP-WIPA at [800-852-5110](tel:800-852-5110) (IL Only) or [217-522-7985](tel:217-522-7985).

## **Who is Eligible?**

Anyone between the ages of 14 and retirement age who receives Social Security disability benefits (SSI/SSDI) and is working or ready to work, is eligible for free benefits planning and assistance services.

## **What is the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program?**

The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA) is a federally funded program created to help individuals receiving SSI/SSDI make informed choices about going to work.

If you are working or ready to work, we will help you understand how working may affect your benefits.

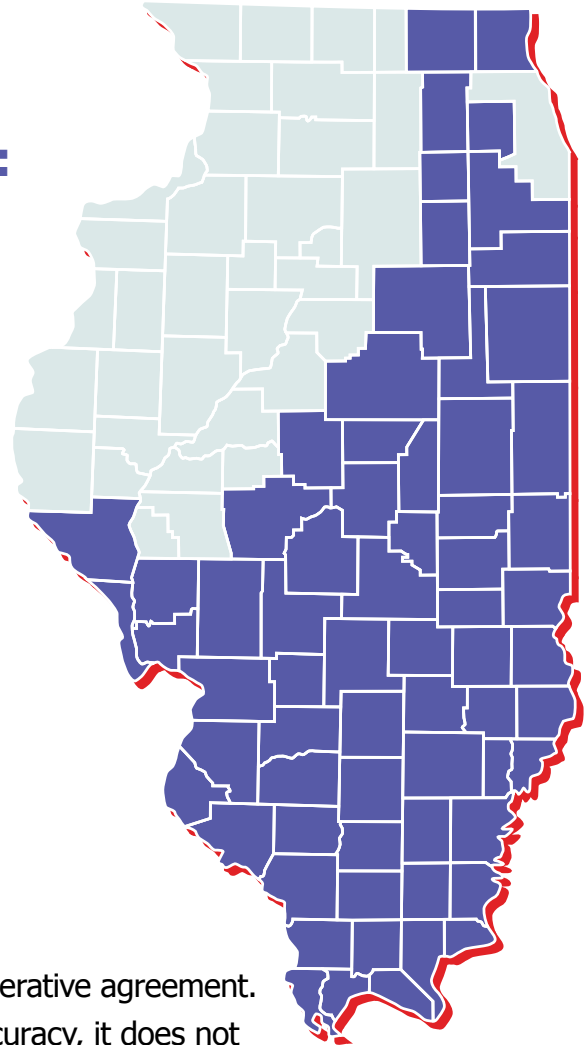
We will explain Social Security work incentives in addition to state benefits, such as Medicaid, subsidized housing, TANF, food stamps, worker's compensation and unemployment benefits.

Our Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program will give you the information you need to make the best choice about your future.




## Illinois Assistive Technology Program serves the following counties represented in purple:

Alexander, Bond, Calhoun, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, De Witt, Douglas, DuPage, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Franklin, Gallatin, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Iroquois, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Johnson, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, Lawrence, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Massac, McHenry, McLean, Monroe, Montgomery, Moultrie, Perry, Piatt, Pike, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, Sangamon, Shelby, St. Clair, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, Will, Williamson



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## Will I lose my benefits if I go to work?

If you are working or have a job offer, you may be concerned about what will happen to your benefits. A Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) can help you understand the process, and inform you about work incentives such as the extension of Medicaid or Medicare benefits while you work.

### **CWICs will:**

- provide work incentives planning and assistance;
- help beneficiaries and their families determine eligibility for Federal or State work incentives programs;
- refer beneficiaries with disabilities to appropriate state VR agencies or Social Security Ticket to Work Program Employment Networks;
- provide general information about potential employer-based or federally subsidized health benefits coverage available once you enter the workforce;
- and inform beneficiaries with disabilities of protection and advocacy services.

## **OTHER RESOURCES FOR RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS**

### **Ticket to Work –**

Provides most people receiving Social Security benefits more choices for receiving employment

services. Visit [www.choosework.ssa.gov](http://www.choosework.ssa.gov) for more information or call Help Line at (866) 968-7842.



### **Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security –**

If you need advocacy or legal services concerning work issues, contact Equip For Equality at (800) 537-2632 or visit

[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)



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**For residents of Illinois outside of our service area, please contact the following agencies:**

#### **Cook County:**

Volunteers of America of Illinois (VAI)  
(312) 564-2368

#### **All other counties:**

Disability Rights of Iowa (DRI)  
(800) 779-2502 EXT 237, 238, 239