Oklahoma Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Project

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Provide information on:

- SSI/SSDI benefits
- Federal/State/Local programs
- Medicaid/Medicare/ACA
- Social Security Work Incentives
- Ticket to Work
- PABSS/ Legal Services
- Provide a complete Summary & Analysis of benefits
Provide assistance with:

- Current benefit situation
- Resolving benefit issues
- Report earnings
- Developing a PASS Plan
- Submitting IRWE
- Identifying local service providers and community resources
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- HUD Housing
- Interaction between disability & retirement benefits
- Section 301 provisions
- Workers’ Compensation benefits
- Medicaid and Medicare
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✓ Pickle Amendment
✓ 1619b Medicaid
✓ TRICARE & Medicare
✓ Veteran’s benefit programs
✓ Earned Income Tax Credit
✓ Housing Earned Income Disregard
✓ Ongoing trainings
Training on State benefits/
Trainings provided by State agencies

- Food stamps/SNAP
- TANF
- Medicare Saving Programs
- State Supplement payment
- State Housing programs
- Native American programs and services
- Home & Community Based Waiver Services
SSDI/CDB
Work Incentives

- Trial Work Period (TWP)--$810 for 2016
- Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE)
- Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)--$1,130
- Blind Substantial Gainful Activity--$1,820
- Extended Medicare
- Expedited Reinstatement
- Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE)
- Subsidy
SSI Work Incentives

- Income Exclusions (Calculation sheets)
- Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE)
- Blind Work Expense (BWE)
- Section 301 Payments
- Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS)
- Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE) -$1,780
- Student Earned Income Exclusion Annual -$7,180
- 1619(b) Extended Medicaid Coverage - $30,262
Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS)

✓ Specific vocational goal
✓ Connection between vocational goal and increased earnings
✓ Helps to acquire services and items
✓ Must be disciplined
Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

✔ Under 22 years old
✔ Regularly attend school
✔ Exclude $1,780 per month and up to $7,180 per year
1619(b) Extended Medicaid Coverage

- Continued Medicaid coverage
- Ineligible for SSI cash payments from earnings (break even point - $1,551/month for 2016)
- Must meet eligibility criteria
  - Disabled
  - Have used or will use Medicaid
1619 (b) cont.

- Protects future months if income falls below SSI limits
- Must report earnings to SSA
- Oklahoma Threshold for 2016 - $30,262
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Ticket to Work
What is the Ticket to Work Program

The Ticket to Work program provide free employment services to SSA beneficiaries

—1-866-968-7842 (Voice)

---1-866-833-2967 (TTY)

http://www.chooseworkttw.net/
Employment supports

✓ Skills testing
✓ Interest testing
✓ Resume preparation
✓ Interviewing skills training
✓ Job search & placement services
Who will take my Ticket?

- Employment Networks
- Under contract with Social Security
Why use your Ticket?

✓ No medical review while ticket is in use

✓ The program is voluntary
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✓ Beneficiaries who are interested in working or knowing more about working and the work incentives can contact the Ticket to Work Helpline for general information.
   —1-866-968-7842 (Voice)
   ---1-866-833-2967 (TTY)

✓ Ticket to Work staff or other agencies can refer a beneficiary who is already working or has a job offer to us for assistance.
✓ OWIPA Statewide contact number –
   Toll Free– 1-866-608-8873

✓ For Telecommunications Relay Services
   Dial 711 then ask operator to dial
   1-866-608-8873

Website:  http://ncdet.ou.edu/en/work-incentives-planning/
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