



Social Security Benefits & Employment

TIPS AND RESOURCES FOR BENEFICIARIES

STEP 1: Know which type of benefit you are receiving	
STEP 2: Know the rules associated with that type of benefit	
STEP 3: Know the work incentives associated with the type of benefit you are receiving	
<p style="text-align: center;">Title II (SSDI, CDB, & DWB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount you receive is based on your work history (or the work history of a loved one) • Only requirement for receiving this benefit is that you cannot earn the Substantial Gainful Activity amount (assets do not count) • You will either receive all of your check or none of it (no partial amounts). • The work incentives that apply to Title II Benefits include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trial Work Period ○ Extended Period of Eligibility ○ Impairment Related Work Expenses & Blind Work Expenses ○ Student Earned Income Exclusion ○ Special Conditions/Subsidies ○ Grace Period ○ Extended Period of Eligibility ○ Expedited Reinstatement ○ Continued Medicare Coverage 	<p style="text-align: center;">Title XVI (SSI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs based program. Must meet eligibility for income & asset levels. • Both earned & unearned income (including living situation) will affect how much you receive. • In-kind support (food & shelter) also affects amount of SSI one can receive. • SSI is “payer of last resort” – beneficiaries must apply for & accept other benefits if they are eligible for them. • The maximum one can receive is based on the Federal Benefit Rate. • The work incentives that apply to SSI include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Impairment Related Work Expenses & Blind Work Expenses ○ Student Earned Income Exclusion ○ Expedited Reinstatement ○ Plan for Achieving Self-Sufficiency ○ Continued Medicaid Coverage



Improving lives THROUGH supports and services THAT FOSTER self-determination.



Online Resources for More Information

- **Social Security Administration**
www.socialsecurity.gov/redbook/
- **Missouri Developmental Disability Council**
<http://mo.db101.org/>
- **University of Missouri and Region VII PASS Cadre**
www.dps.missouri.edu/resources/ssawork/default.html
- **Missouri Protection and Advocacy**
www.moadvocacy.org/PABSS.htm
- **Social Security Ticket to Work**
www.chooseworkttw.net

Contact your local Regional Office Youth Transition and Employment Resource Coordinator for more information.

