



# 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

### Title II (SSDI, CDB, & DWB)

- 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:
  - 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

### Title XVI (SSI)

- 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:
  - Impairment Related Work Expenses & Blind Work Expenses
  - Student Earned Income Exclusion
  - Expedited Reinstatement
  - Plan for Achieving Self-Sufficiency
  - Continued Medicaid Coverage





*Waiver manual*  
*UR checklist*  
*Link to YT/ERC in areas on webpage*

*VR web page???*

*Where to go for additional supports or training-pull off contract for services list*  
*TACE training*  
*College of Employment*  
*APSE*

