

Staff

Each agency providing WIPA services has at least one staff member who has received special training through the Social Security Administration about public benefits. They have up-to-date information concerning work incentives. They also have information about the effects of earnings on other state and federal benefit programs.



The Catskill Center for Independence, in cooperation with the Social Security Administration, provides WIPA services to beneficiaries who reside in the following counties:

- ◆ Broome
- ◆ Chenango
- ◆ Chemung
- ◆ Delaware
- ◆ Sullivan
- ◆ Tioga

For more information:
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Website: www.ccfi.us/wipa.html

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Resource Center for Independent Living
315-797-5837 (Voice)
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Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Projects



Do you receive Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDI)?

Do you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

Do you want to work?

*** GIVE US A CALL ***



What is the Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program?

In October 2006, the Social Security Administration (SSA) replaced the Benefits Planning, Assistance and Outreach Program (BPA&O) with the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) program. The Program has been renamed because of an increased emphasis on work incentives, return to work supports and jobs for beneficiaries.

Who is Eligible?

WIPA projects provide all SSA beneficiaries with disabilities (including transition-to-work aged youth) access to work incentives, planning and assistance services.

How can WIPA help you?

Many individuals would like to work, but are worried they will lose essential benefits if they have earnings of any kind.

This project will provide you with information about Work Incentives which may allow you to keep some or all of your cash benefits as well as your medical benefits.

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Can Be...

- ◆ Completed in a few phone calls
- ◆ Completed via email correspondence
- ◆ Researched in the “Frequently Asked Questions” section of the WIPA website or via SSA.gov
- ◆ Provided in individual meetings or group settings

Work Incentives:

- ◆ Social Security Disability Insurance’s (SSDI) Trial Work Period and Extended Period of Eligibility
- ◆ Supplemental Security Income’s (SSI) rules for disregarding some earned income, including student earnings
- ◆ SSDI & SSI reinstatement rules
- ◆ Extended Medicare and 1619 (b) Medicaid Coverage
- ◆ Ticket to Work Program
- ◆ SSI’s Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS Program)
- ◆ Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities