

Centers for Independent Living: Opportunity for Success as Employment Networks

As an Employment Network, you can derive income from doing what you already do best, which is to help people with disabilities get back in the rhythm of daily life, and that includes going to work. If you offer any of the services listed here or if you are interested in partnering with someone who does, you could be tapping into a potential source of revenue from the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work (TTW) Program.

TTW Milestone and Outcome Payments can help you expand your services and potentially assist more people in obtaining their employment goals and improving their quality of life.

Assistance Is Available to Help You Get Started

- ✓ Obtain an application – it costs nothing to apply. To download the RFP, go to www.ssa.gov/work/enrpf.html.
- ✓ Complete the application – technical assistance is available to help you every step of the way. For help, please call SSA's Program Manager for Recruitment and Outreach, CESSI, toll-free at 1-877-743-8237 (v/tty).
- ✓ Enjoy all the benefits of being an EN, including free training and technical assistance.

"The Independent Living (IL) philosophy is all about self-determination. The IL Program mandates that we advocate with and be a resource for persons with disabilities, including those interested in engaging in or returning to work. The Ticket to Work program gives us one more source of revenue to assist people in accomplishing their employment goals"

*Kathie Kearbey, Vocational Advisor
Southeast Missouri CIL*

- *Skills assessment & development*
- *Vocational exploration & career planning*
- *Job search skills*
- *School-to-work transition services*
- *Job training & self-employment consultation*
- *Job coaching & job accommodations*
- *Benefits planning*

Start the process today – gain additional income for your program for the employment oriented services you are already providing!

For More Information Contact:

Ticket to Work

www.socialsecurity.gov/work
1-877-743-8237



Ticket to Work Supports

Social Security has many resources to help make this program work for you.

Ticket Training Tuesdays: Interactive training modules designed to assist ENs with the fundamentals of working within the Ticket to Work Program. Use these calls to train new and existing staff, to network with fellow ENs call MAXIMUS at 1-866-968-7842 (v), 1-866-833-2967 (tty) to find out more, and to share tips and promising practices.

Ticket Training Tuesdays: This series is also available for free on CD-Rom upon request via email to ENOperations@yourtickettowork.com.

Individualized Support and Technical Assistance: CESSI account managers are available at 1-877-743-8237 (v/tty) to provide individualized technical assistance as you go through the EN application process.

EN Directory: As an approved EN, your organization will be included in SSA's EN database and shared with Ticket-Holders in your area when they contact MAXIMUS for information on ENs.

Notes Field: Enhance your EN directory listing with a text message up to 270 characters to further define your services, identify your partners, or highlight your accomplishments. A message will appear beneath your organization's name in the EN Directory and the EN listing mailed to Ticket-Holders.

Beneficiary Referral List CD: As an approved EN, you will receive customized CDs including the names, addresses, phone numbers, ages, and recent work histories of Ticket-Holders with unassigned Tickets (or their legal guardians/representative payees) who live in your designated service-delivery area. CDs are mailed monthly only to approved ENs and VR agencies.

Training Queue: Call MAXIMUS at 1-866-968-7842 (v), 1-866-833-2967 (tty), select language and then prompts 2 and 4 to reach a training representative to answer any training questions.

EN Capitalization Education: The EN Capitalization Education Program, available on disk and online at www.yourtickettowork.com, helps ENs secure funding for start-up costs by providing detailed information on how to get funding from government grants, foundations, and private financial capital. The program includes a resource directory and a comprehensive fundraising guide compiled by national experts with hundreds of resources and samples.