Hostos CUNY
Work Incentives, Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA)

To receive WIPA Services call
1-800-739-0118

Or you can also call:
718-518-6746
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Are you between the ages of 14 to 25 years old receiving Social Security Disability Benefits? (SSI or SSDI)

WIPA CAN HELP YOU TODAY, SO YOU CAN SUCCEED TOMORROW

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Do you know about SSI eligibility criteria when you reach age 18?

Are you regularly attending high school or a vocational educational program now?

Are you considering work, or looking for work after graduation?

Do you plan to go to college after graduating from High School?

Do you worry about what will happen to your Disability Benefits when you begin working?

Do you live in the Bronx, Manhattan or Staten Island?

WIPA has the answers to all your questions and concerns

Hostos CUNY Work Incentives, Planning & Assistance Program (WIPA) offers accurate information, guidance and direct support, to assist young adults in transition, who are receiving Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits, are attending school or vocational / educational programs, and have a goal to join the workforce for the first time to gain self-sufficiency and financial independence.

WIPA will help youth

• Learn about Social Security special rules for transition age youth.

• Use SSA Work incentives specifically designed to help youth to work, earn money and save.

If you are ready to start working, are considering work, or are working now

Worried about what will happen to your SSA disability benefits and your health insurance (Medicare/Medicaid)?

Meeting with a WIPA Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) will be especially important!

Hostos CUNY Bilingual Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWICs) are SSA Certified to provide in depth counseling and benefits analysis to SSI and SSDI youth in transition from school to adulthood.

How can the CWIC help youths?

• By explaining Social Security rules applicable to SSI beneficiaries when they turn 18 years old: Section 301 and Age-18 Redetermination.

• By providing ongoing counseling to prepare transition-aged youth with disabilities for the world of work, and how to use Social Security Administration (SSA) work incentives to test their abilities to work without fear of losing benefits.

• By helping youths to make informed choices about work, and understand the options if they choose to work, and connecting them with the people, resources and services they need to develop a work plan.

• By identifying SSA work incentives available for transition-age youth to use when they are working and/ or attending college such as: Section 301 Continuing Benefits, Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS), Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE), and Medicaid 1619(b).

• By offering information and referral about job training, job placement organizations, and other resources available for young adults with disabilities.