

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

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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.