

Are you ready to choose work?

Are you ready to:

- Increase your income?
- Explore your work options?
- Gain greater personal fulfillment through work?

The Ticket to Work Program and the Work Incentives can help you...

- Decide what kind of work is right for you.
- Keep your Medicaid/Medicare while you work.
- Meet the right people and find the right services for you.
- Receive employment support on your way to success.

Social Security's Ticket to Work program and Work Incentives can help you find meaningful work. If you're age 18 through 64 and receive Social Security disability benefits, you can take advantage of these free services.

To receive information on Ticket to Work call
1-866-968-7842 (V) or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY).

If you want to receive WIPA services call
1-800-739-0118.



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Hostos CUNY Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA)

Are you between the ages of
14 to 25 years and receiving
Social Security Disability Benefits
(SSDI/SSI)?

**WIPA CAN HELP YOU TODAY
SO YOU CAN SUCCEED TOMORROW**

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*Are you regularly attending high school,
a vocational/educational program or college now?*

*Are you considering working now or beginning working
after graduation or completing a vocational training?*

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

Do you live in the Bronx of Manhattan?

**Do you worry about what will happen to your
disability benefits once you start working?**

WIPA's Transition Youth project has the answers to all your questions and concerns!

WIPA's Transition Youth project offers accurate information, guidance and direct support to assist young adults in transition who are receiving Social Security disability benefits (SSDI and SSI); are attending school, vocational training or in college 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.
- Receive information and resources to help plan your journey to employment.
- Use SSA Work Incentives specifically designed to help youth to work, earn money and save.

*If you want to learn about your SSI eligibility criteria
once you reach age 18, your SSA disability benefits,
and your health insurance (Medicaid/Medicare?)*

*Meeting with a WIPA Community Work Incentives
Coordinator (CWIC) will provide you the information you need.*

The Hostos CUNY bilingual Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) is SSA certified to provide in depth counseling and benefits analysis to youth in transition receiving SSI and SSDI as they transition from school to adulthood.

How can the CWICs help youth?

- 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 on how to use Social Security Administration (SSA) work incentives to test their abilities to work without the fear of losing benefits.
- 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 Continuation of Medicaid 1619b.
- By helping youth and their parents make informed choices about work, and understand the options available if they choose to work; connect youth with resources and services they need to develop a plan of work.
- By offering information and referrals for job training and job placement organizations, and other resources available for young adults receiving SSA disability benefits.