## MYTHS ABOUT DISABILITY BENEFITS AND WORK

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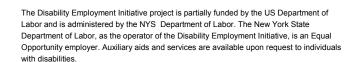
If I use my Ticket to work, Social Security will think I am no longer disabled, and I will lose my benefits.

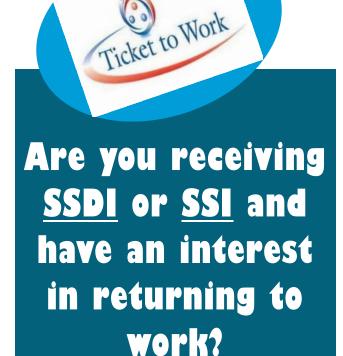


If my benefits end due to work and I stop working, I will have to reapply all over again.











# How does the Ticket to Work Program work?

Ticket to Work is a program of the Social Security Administration that helps **SSDI/SSI** beneficiaries interested in work access the supports and services they need to accomplish their employment goals. The program goal is to transition beneficiaries to self sufficiency.

#### **Ticket holders** are individuals who:

- ~ receive Social Security Disability (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ~ are between the ages 18-64

Ticket holders interested in Ticket to Work will assign their Ticket to an **Employment Network (EN)**. The EN that you choose will provide the supports and services needed to reach your employment goals.

## Cayuga Works Career Center Employment Network (EN) Service Provider

An EN Service Provider is an agency that provides employment services and supports to Social Security
Disability Beneficiaries. Services are provided through the Ticket to Work
Program to eligible Ticket Holders.

Cayuga Works Career Center is an Employment Network Service Provider located in Cayuga County that provides the following services and supports:

- ~ Employment Plans
- ~ Job Search Assistance
- ~ Resume Development
- ~ Interview Preparation
- ~ Career counseling
- ~ Access to Training Opportunities
- ~ Assistive Technology
- ~ Benefits Planning

### Benefits planning and advisement

is a **critical** component of the employment process for individuals who receive **SSDI/SSI** benefits.

Beneficiaries should be fully informed about **Work Incentives** and how earnings from work will impact their benefits.

It is important to have someone **credentialed** in benefits advisement guide beneficiaries through this process. Beneficiaries should inquire about credentials from anyone assisting them with their benefits.

## Cayuga Works Career Center

partners with Cayuga/Seneca
Community Action Agency (CSCAA) to
offer SSDI/SSI Benefits Planning
and Advisement on site. CSCAA's
Credentialed Work Incentive
Practitioner provides this service.



Why Do I Need Benefits Planning and Advisement?