



The Ticket to Work Program

The Truth About the Myths



WHO WE ARE:

- Employment Options Inc. is an authorized Employment Network in the national Social Security Ticket To Work program.
- We have been in business since 1993.
- We provide free Work From Home and Onsite job placement services in 47 states for those on SSDI or SSI (ages 18-64) who want to try working again.



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Topics To Be Covered Today:

TICKET TO WORK PROGRAM

- Learn Common Myths That Our Staff Hears About the Program
- Learn the Facts About The Program To Dispel These Myths
- Learn How Working With A Ticket to Work Service Provider like Employment Options Can Help You

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We Are Employment Counselors With Employment Options

Sandy Darnell, Work at Home



Ray Morrison, Community



We Have Been Part of the Ticket to Work Program

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Myth: **The Program Doesn't Work** **Truth:**

- Ticket To Work has been around since 1999
- MEO placed 700+ people in 2016
- You are protected by safety nets for your cash benefits and health insurance
- Beneficiaries enjoy the money and sense of accomplishment!

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Myth:

If I Go Back To Work, I Will Lose My Cash Benefits

Truth:

- Depending on your benefit type, you Will Not Lose Cash Benefits Just Because You Start a Job
- Earn As Much Money As You Want!!!!
- The Ticket to Work Service Provider Will Guide You Through the Rules

Myth:

If I Go Back To Work, I Will Lose My Medical Benefits



Truth:

- Throughout the program you can still continue with your medical benefits -- as long as your premiums are paid
- You can keep your Medicare for at least 93 months - even if your cash benefit has been suspended
- Remember, the program is designed with safety nets for you

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Myth...

Once I Start Working, SSA Will Give Me a Physical, Say I Am Well and That I Must Get Off Disability



Truth...

- If a beneficiary's 'ticket' is in use and they are making timely progress, they have medical protection that prevents them from going into what would have been a scheduled medical review
- SSA simply pushes the medical review out

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Myth:

I Will Lose My Entitlement of Disability if I Come Off My Benefits, then at a Later Time my Disability Causes Me to Need to Have my Benefits Reinstated



Truth:

- You keep your entitlement of disability throughout the program even if you have to come off benefits
- If you are unable to continue working because of your disability, you need to contact your Social Security representative and have them start the expedited reinstatement process



Myth:

I Cannot Work Because of My Disability

Truth:

- No, but you won't know until you try
- This is why Ticket To Work provides the safety nets for cash and medical benefits
- You might not be able to return to the same type of work
- Discover through work what you can still do. Your skills may be transferable
- Ticket to Work Service Providers help sort out the best fit for your skills and abilities

Myth:

The Return To Work Process Will Cause You More Stress

Truth:

Your Ticket to Work Service Provider Can Help You Work Through The Stress You are Feeling



Myth: I Cannot Physically Work

Truth:

Preparation is the key to the successful transition of returning to work

You may need extra rest, listen to your body and take good care of yourself

You may have to make adjustments in how you physically perform your job with special equipment such as a desk or chair

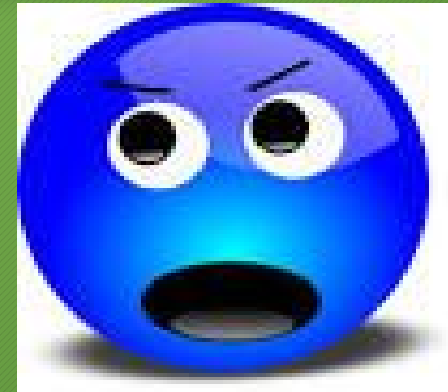
Ticket to Work Service Providers Work with Employers On Accommodation Issues

Myth:

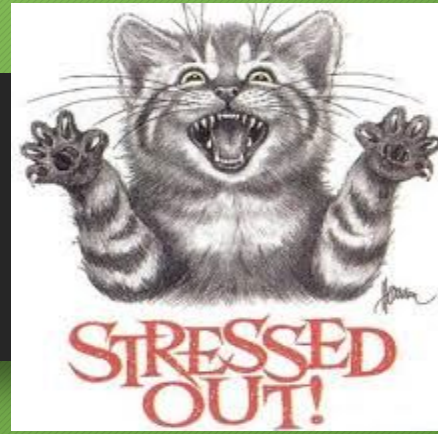
Emotionally I Won't be Able to Handle Working

Truth: Working Again Will be a Transition

- You are pushing yourself to your limits and learning new skills
- Everyone returning to work feels this way
- Your Ticket to Work Service Provider will help prepare you for the easiest transition
- You will gain a sense of accomplishment



Myth: Mentally, I Will Feel Overwhelmed



Truth:

- Working Again will be a transition that is manageable
- Starting any job is a learning process and employers understand that
- Your Ticket to Work Service Provider will help prepare you for an easy transition

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Myth:

I Am Stuck With My Ticket To Work Service Provider



Truth:

- NO! You can Re-assign your 'ticket' to another agency any time!
- No one forces you to do anything you do not want to do!
- Before you dis-assign your 'ticket,' communicate your concerns to your service provider first!

Myth: I Can Only Find Work In My Community



Truth:

- The Ticket To Work Program Can Be Used For Both Work at Home and Community Job Options
- Only Specific Service Providers Offer Work at Home
- Researching Providers Can Help You Find The Type of Work You Need

Myth:

I Must Start Out Working Full Time



TRUTH:

- You Can Work Full Time or Part Time As Long As You Are Making Timely Progress
- You Can Start Out Part Time and Gradually Transition To Full Time
- The Program Allows You To “Test the Waters” In Trying To Work

Myth:

If I Find My Own Job, I Do Not Have To Tell My Service Provider



Truth:

- **You Still Need To Report A Job To Ensure You Follow the Rules of the Program**
- **ENs are only able to provide on-going benefit career and accommodations counseling if they know about the job**
- **Receiving Free Help With Any Job or Employer Issue**
 - **Help With Accommodations**
 - **Assistance With Any Benefit Questions**
 - **Career Advancement Assistance And More**

Myth:

If I Go Back To Work, I Don't Have To Report My Earnings



Truth:

- You Must Report Earnings To Both Your Service Provider and SSA
- Not Reporting Income or Changes to Income May Result In Overpayment
- By not reporting income to SSA it may cause you undue stress
- Some Service Providers Do Help You Track Your Income

Myth: It Won't Be Worth It

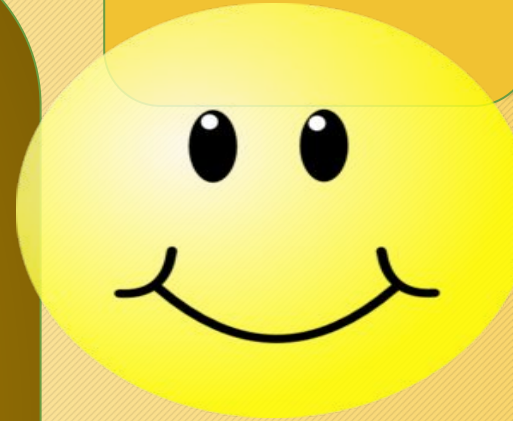
Truth:
....Working Gives You....

A paycheck to pay those bills and buy a few extra things

Money For a vacation, repairs, or unexpected bills

A feeling of pride and self worth

To Make You



Myth: All Ticket To Work Service Providers
The Same.



Truth:

No, they have different Strengths, Specialities, and
Approaches

Why Choose Employment Options As Your Ticket to Work Service Provider



- Most Of Our Own Staff Are In The Program Themselves!
- We Have A Certified Work Incentives Counselor (CWIC) For Benefits Questions
- You Will Work With Your Own Job Counselor
- We Only Work With Legitimate Companies
- We Truly Care!

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QUESTION AND ANSWERS!



HELP

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Online Job Fair Tips Webinar



Thurs. Oct 12th

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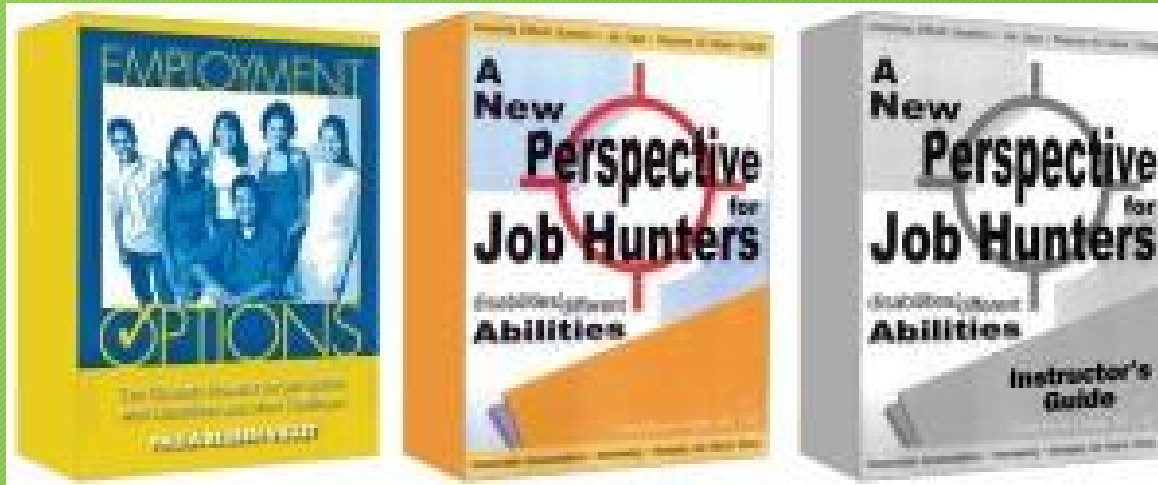
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