



Free SSI/SSDI Employment Services with My Employment Options

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About the Presenters



VICTOR VIEILLET is a Business Development Specialist and has been with MEO since November 2018. He helps across many areas in our company.



LISA SEELEY is a Senior Work At Home Employment Counselor. She has been with MEO for over 14 years. Lisa is also a SSA Ticket to Work Program Success Story.

Teresa Ellinger - CPWIC



Teresa Ellinger

Teresa is our Social Security Benefits and Payments Manager and a Community Partner Work Incentives Coordinator (CPWIC). She has been part of MEO for 17+ years. She plays a vital role at My Employment Options by helping clients better understand the Ticket to Work Program guidelines and submitting necessary documentation to Social Security. She knows the Ticket to Work Program inside and out.



Our Company



My Employment Options (MEO) is an authorized Employment Network in the Social Security **Ticket to Work Program**.

We provide Free Work At Home and Onsite employment services for job seekers:

- Who receive SSDI or SSI (non-retirement) benefits
- Who want to try working again
- Ages 18-64
- Across 48 contiguous states and Washington, D.C.



Today's Agenda

- **Who is My Employment Options? (MEO)**
- **What Do We Do For Job Seekers on SSDI/SSI?**
- **Why Choose Us As Your Employment Network?**
- **Free Services That We Provide**
- **Benefits Counseling**
- **Work At Home & Onsite Job Examples**
- **Path to Financial Independence**

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**Who is
My Employment
Options?**

MEO At a Glance

- Specialize in assisting SSI/SSDI Beneficiaries
 - Work from Home Employment
 - Community Employment
- Personal Vocational Counselor Assignments
 - Assigned to an individual job counselor
 - Individual assessment of employment goals
- Benefit Counseling Sessions
- Support throughout the entire Ticket to Work Program

Specialized Screening

Two Step Screening Process

1. Initial screening to review your work history, verify qualifications and employment goals
2. 2nd Screening reviews the Ticket to Work Program and Client/Counselor responsibilities

We need to ensure that we are able to help you achieve your employment and financial goals!

Personal Employment Counselor

Employment Counselor Assignment

Assigned to Counselor that best suits client goals

- Counselors are assigned to a client based on their individual needs and goals

One-on-One Job Counseling

- Job Search
- Resume Writing/Revisions
- Interview Coaching
- Retention Support



Benefits Counselor

- Teresa Ellinger-
Certified Benefits Counselor (CPWIC)
- Monitors Progression Through Ticket to Work Program
- Guidance with Medicare and Medicaid
- Financial Goals Established
- Assistance with SSA Letters/Forms
- Help with expedited reinstatement (if needed)

Suzanne's Benefits Reinstatement

Suzanne was a Ticket to Work Participant who worked many years successfully

Disability caused her to be unable to work

Teresa helped get Suzanne benefits back

She earned work credits to increase her SSDI cash benefits

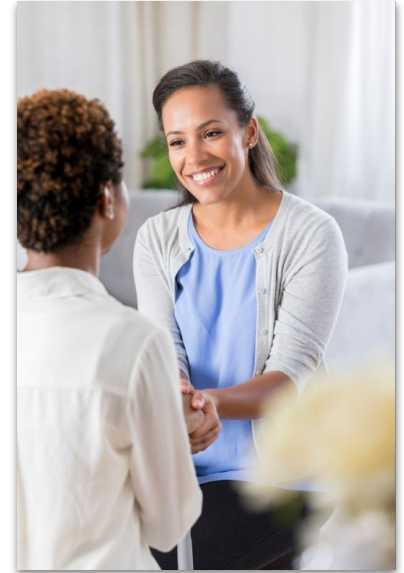
She received a new ticket

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Counselors Who Care & Relate

- 15 of our staff have participated in the Ticket to Work Program
- Develop strong relationships with our knowledge and our personal experience
- Our counselors provide relevant advisement and guidance of the program
- We Practice the Personal Touch
- We Want You To Be Successful!!



Resume

Counselors Assist With Resume Writing

- Resume Revisions
- Create New Modern Resumes
 - Develop resumes that score high within ATS (Automated Tracking Systems)
- Adjusting Resumes based on the job description and requirements (review)
- Cover letter assistance



Retention Support

Ongoing Counselor Relationship

- Guide Our Clients Through Duration of Program
- Accommodation Suggestions
- Help Achieve/Maintain and Meet Financial Goal
- Continuing Career Advancement
- Referral for Help With Benefit Questions
- Moral Support

Growth Within Remote Jobs

- Work at Home companies are expanding and creating new types of opportunities!
 - Accounting
 - IT
 - Marketing
 - Healthcare
 - Insurance
 - Analytics
- Many employers are changing their business model
- Cost effective to hire remote employees

An AT&T study predicts that the hybrid work model is expected to grow from 42% in 2021 to 81% by the end of 2024.



WORKING FROM HOME

Work From Home Requirements

Home Office Setup

- Quiet, Private Workplace is Mandatory
 - Office with a locked door
 - No background noise
- PC/Laptop (No Chromebook/Tablets)
- All Equipment Must Be Hard Wired (including Internet)
- Landline or VOIP
- Comfortable Working Environment
 - Pictures, Plants, Ergonomic Equipment

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Minimum Computer Skills Required

- Typing Speed
 - Average of 35 Words per Minute (depending on position)
- Knowledgeable With Basic Computer Skills
 - Cut, paste, and copy
 - Microsoft Office Suite
 - Navigate multiple browser tabs
 - Internet Research
- Familiar With Technical Terminology
 - Keyboard shortcuts

Minimum Strengths & Skills

- Excellent Customer Service
- Empathy and Active Listener
- Friendly & Professional Communication
- Problem-Solving Skills
- Patience
- Independent
- Time Management Abilities



Work From Home Partners

MEO has multiple Work from Home and Community employer partnerships!

- Gets you to the head of the line
- Able to receive fast personalized feedback/support from recruiters
- First notification of new job postings
- Faster results with the hiring process

Work At Home Jobs & Industries

- **What Type Of Work Is Available?**
 - Customer Service Representative
 - Technical Support
 - Sales
 - Accounting
 - Medical/Insurance

- **What Type Of Industries?**
 - IT
 - Retail
 - Healthcare
 - Financial
 - Travel

Advancement Opportunities

Advancement Is Possible With Experience and/or Education

- Upward mobility is possible...
- Start in an entry level position to build experience
- Management level positions require remote experience
- Examples:
Team Lead, High Level IT, Marketing, Project Manager

Onboarding Process

- Background Checks
- Credit Checks
- Drug Testing May Be Required
- New Hire Paperwork



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Working Rewards Program

We Reward Our Clients For Their Hard Work!

- Clients can earn raffle tickets as they send in pay stubs!
- Allows clients to 'Save Up' Monthly Pay Stub Contest raffle tickets and cash them in for big prizes!
- Different level of prizes depending on program level!

Reward Prizes Can Include:

- Gift Cards - Up to \$250.00 (Amazon, WalMart, Paypal)
- Laptop
- iPad

You Can Do This!!

- Remember - Returning to work takes commitment, patience and perseverance!
- The Ticket to Work Program changes lives!
- MEO has the knowledge, support, and all the encouragement in the world to give you!
- Your Success is our SUCCESS!



Success Stories - Update

- **We had over 414 Clients start jobs in 2023**
- **248 clients have graduated from our program.**
 - **Became Completely Self-Sufficient!**

Lisa Seeley - SSA Ticket to Work Success Story

<https://myemploymentoptions.com/success-stories/>

Lori Adler - Communications Manager - SSA Ticket to Work Story

<https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/lori-success-story>

Questions and Answers

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Q: Therese in IL: Can You Use Ticket to Work If You Are Waiting to Be Approved for SSDI?

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Q: David in FL: Do you automatically place clients within open positions?

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Q: Howard in GA: What should I do if I unexpectedly lose my ability to work and I'm anxious about how to navigate reapplying for disability benefits?

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Q: Jessica in PA: If I work what happens to my SSI or SSDI benefits?

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Q: Tammy in AZ: Will the Ticket to Work Program affect my Medicare Benefits?

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A photograph of two people, a woman with curly hair and a man, high-fiving in an office setting. The woman is on the left, wearing a light-colored blazer, and the man is on the right, wearing a dark suit jacket. They are both smiling. The background shows office desks with laptops and plants.

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