# MISSISSIPPI PARTNERS FOR INFORMED CHOICE

The Mississippi Partners for Informed Choice (M-PIC) program provides Work Incentives Planning and

Assistance (WIPA) services funded 100% by the Social Security Administration (SSA) under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. The purpose of M-PIC/WIPA is to help beneficiaries receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits to understand how work may affect their benefits. This program employs specially trained Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWICs) and each serves a specific region of the state.

Careful planning is the key to making the transition from receiving benefits to working successfully.

### WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE (WIPA)

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR WIPA SERVICES?

#### We serve people:

- Ages 14 to 64
- Already receiving Social Security Disability benefits (like SSI, SSDI, CDB, DWB)
- Who want to work

### COMMUNITY WORK INCENTIVES COORDINATORS (CWIC)

#### WHAT SERVICES DO CWICs PROVIDE?

#### The CWIC will:

- Help beneficiaries understand how work may affect their benefits
- Help beneficiaries learn about the different work incentives available for those wanting to transition to work
- Provide information about other programs and community resources
- Help correct misinformation and provide accurate benefits information
- Help beneficiaries understand Social Security and other benefits systems, what to expect and what they need to do when there are changes in their employment status
- Help beneficiaries understand why it is important to report all income

## QUESTION

- Do you receive SSI or SSDI?
- Do you want to work?
- Do you worry that earnings might cause a loss in cash benefits or medical coverage?
- Are you confused about all the rules and regulations?
- Are you frustrated because you can't get the answers to your questions?
- Are you afraid of telling Social Security that you want to work?

## ANSWER

YOU will be referred to a Community Work Incentives Coordinator who can assist you with:

- Understanding how working will affect your benefits
- Personalized work incentives planning
- The support and resources you need to return to work

With the information provided, you will be able to make an informed choice about employment opportunities.

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## Contact Us!

- If you are receiving disability benefits and are participating in programs or services leading to work
- For information of Social Security Work Incentives
- If you need a group presentation of Social Security Work Incentives

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