

# EVERYBODY WORKS, EVERYBODY WINS!



## YOU CAN WORK!

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has special policies and programs called *Work Incentives* which allow people who receive disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to work!

Here are some that are designed for students with disabilities who want to work after high school:

- ✓ **STUDENT EARNED INCOME EXCLUSION:** If you are under age 22 and regularly attending school, you qualify! SSA does not count up to \$1,700 of your earnings per month or \$6,840 earnings per year.
- ✓ **PLAN FOR ACHIEVING SELF SUPPORT OR PASS:** If you receive or are eligible for SSI, you could benefit from a PASS where you can save funds, other than your SSI, to allow you to pursue a work goal!
- ✓ **SECTION 301 RULE:** If you have a plan for employment through VR or an Employment Network, or if you have a PASS or an IEP, your benefits *may* continue if SSA determines that you no longer have a disability. But, you must begin before SSA has determined that you no longer have a disability and your participation must be SSA approved and show progress toward your work goal!

## WHY CHOOSE TO WORK?

- You will learn new skills.
- You will meet new people.
- You will **NOT** automatically lose your SSI check, Medicare or Medicaid.
- You will earn your own income.

## HOW DO I START?

### *Your Key to Success:*

Contact your local Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) office or an Employment Network to talk about your job goals, share your ideas, and learn about your benefits options. They will guide you to the resources and supports you need to work.



# IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

Call Center: 1-800-772-1213

Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/work](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work).



Find Your Local Social Security Office here:  
<http://www.socialsecurityofficelocations.com/state/FL.html>

*Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS) Cadre:* 1-800-254-9489

## FLORIDA DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Ticket to Work Program: 1-850-245-3270

*To Find an Employment Network:*

1-866-968-7842 or TDD 1-866-833-2967

Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to visit [www.choosework.net](http://www.choosework.net).



## PROTECTION & ADVOCACY FOR BENEFICIARIES OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Disability Rights Florida: 1-800-342-0823 or

TDD 1-866-833-2967