

*Check out your options.*



## Who is Eligible?

Anyone between age 14 and retirement age who gets Social Security disability benefits (SSI/SSDI) and is working or ready to work is eligible to get free benefits planning and assistance services.

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## What is the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program?

We are a federally funded program created to help individuals receiving SSI/SSDI make informed choices about going to work.

If you are working or ready to work, we will help you understand how working is affecting your benefits.

We will explain Social Security work incentives in addition to state benefits, such as Medicaid, subsidized housing, TANF, food stamps, worker's compensation and unemployment benefits.

Our Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program will give you the information you need to make the best choice about your future.

## Will I Lose My Benefits if I Go to Work?

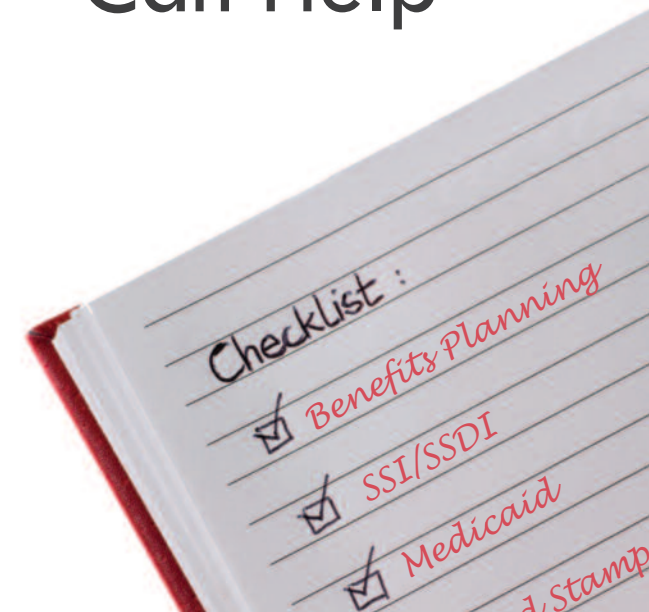
If you are working or have a job offer, you may be concerned about what will happen to your benefits. A Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) can help you understand the process, and inform you about work incentives such as the extension of Medicaid or Medicare benefits while you work.

CWICs can:

- provide work incentives planning and assistance;
- help beneficiaries and their families determine eligibility for Federal or State work incentives programs;
- refer beneficiaries with disabilities to appropriate state VR agencies or Social Security Ticket to Work Program Employment Networks;
- provide general information about potential employer-based or federally subsidized health benefits coverage available once you enter the workforce;
- and inform beneficiaries with disabilities of protection and advocacy services.

*Want to Work?*

## Check Out How Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Can Help

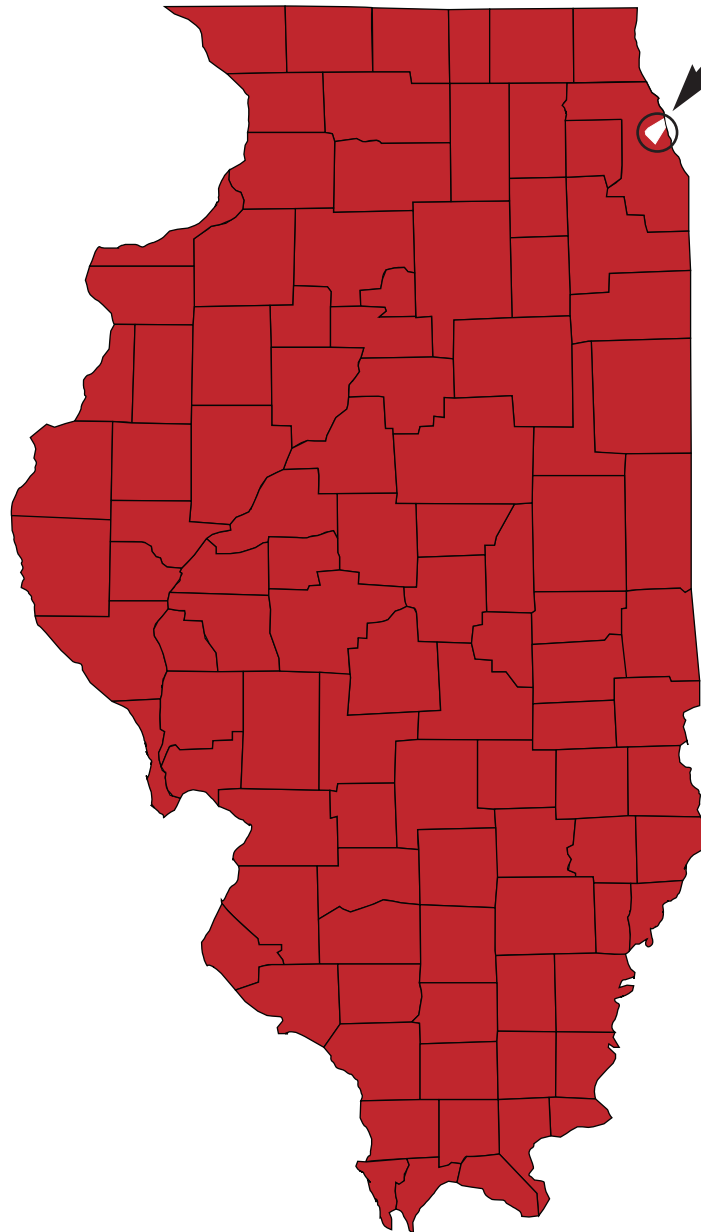


## Illinois WIPA Services Map

### Who Should I Contact For Services?

The Illinois WIPA Program has been divided geographically among two service providers.

The Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities - Employment Unit serves customers living in the City of Chicago. The Illinois Assistive Technology Program covers services throughout the rest of the state.



**Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities – Employment Services Unit**

(312) 746-5743 (voice) • (312) 746-5739 (tty)

Service area is represented in white and includes the City of Chicago

**Illinois Assistive Technology Program**

(800) 852-5110 (v/tty, IL only) • (217) 522-9966 (tty)

Service area is represented in red and includes the following counties: Adams, Alexander, Boone, Bond, Brown, Bureau, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Suburban Cook, Crawford, Cumberland, DeKalb, DeWitt, Douglas, DuPage, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Franklin, Fulton, Gallatin, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, JoDaviess, Johnson, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Lawrence, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Massac, McDonough, McHenry, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Ogle, Peoria, Perry, Piatt, Pike, Pope, Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, Richland, Rock Island, Saline, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Stark, St. Clair, Stephenson, Tazwell, Union, Vermillion, Wabash, Warren, Washington, Wayne, White, Whiteside, Will, Williamson, Winnebago and Woodford.

### Resources

**Ticket to Work** - provides most people receiving Social Security benefits more choices for receiving employment services. Visit [www.chooseworkttw.net](http://www.chooseworkttw.net) for more information or call Help Line at (866) 968-7842 (voice) (866) 833-2967 (tty)

**Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security** - If you need advocacy or legal services concerning work issues, visit Equip For Equality at [www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org) or call (800) 537-2632 (voice) (800) 610-2779 (tty)

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