

# MISSISSIPPI PARTNERS FOR INFORMED CHOICE

The Mississippi Partners for Informed Choice (M-PIC) program provides Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) services funded 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 enable all SSA beneficiaries with disabilities (including transition-to-work aged youth) to make informed choices about work.



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

## WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE (WIPA)

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## COMMUNITY WORK INCENTIVES COORDINATORS (CWIC)

If you receive Social Security benefits and you have a job or are looking for one, there are specially trained professionals known as Community Work Incentive Coordinators (CWIC) to help you make sense of complex employment and benefit-related issues. CWICs provide confidential services to people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). CWICs educate beneficiaries on how employment will affect their public benefits such as SSI, SSDI, Medicare, Medicaid, subsidized housing and food stamps. Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWICs) provide individual counseling to beneficiaries seeking employment and intensive follow-up services to ensure that they are using the work incentives appropriately.

## 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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1.866.968.7842**

## 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
- If you have questions about the Ticket to Work program

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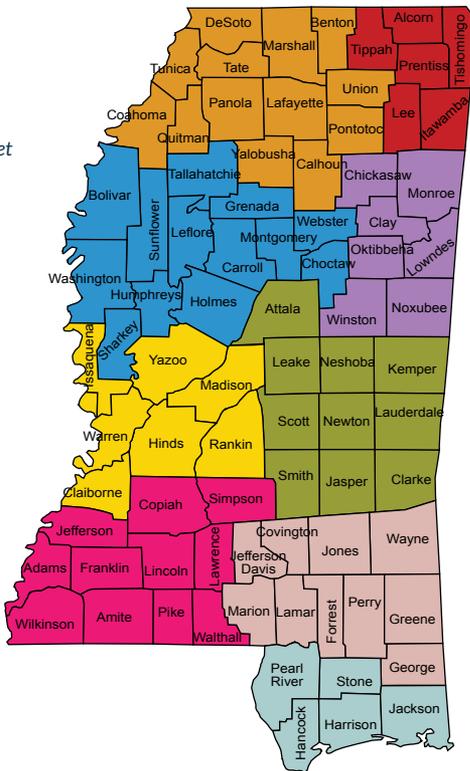
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