

“ Participating in Ticket to Work was the best decision I’ve made in my 10-year career with TCOE. We are now at a point where our program is totally self-sufficient with Ticket revenue. We now have a revenue stream that will pay the bills and we are no longer subject to annual contract reductions and cancellations. We are finally there! ”

– Karen D.



Helping Social Security Beneficiaries with Disabilities Choose Work

A Joint SSA, CESSI and MAXIMUS Ticket to Work Partners Training

Los Angeles, California • October 6–7, 2010

Please join Ticket to Work (Ticket) program national, state and local partners for a training entitled “Helping SSA Beneficiaries with Disabilities Choose Work.”

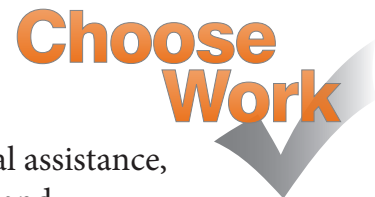
Nearly 1.13 million Tickets have been issued to people receiving SSA disability benefits in the state of California. More than 58,000 of those Ticket Holders have a recent work history and are of prime working age. Even though there are currently 107 ENs in the state working with over 4,800 Ticket Holders, there are plenty of Ticket Holders in California interested in going to work and looking for assistance in doing so.

Who should attend:

- Organizations that assist Social Security disability beneficiaries connect to work and careers; and
- Current ENs for training and technical assistance, to connect with other ENs, hear tips from other successful ENs, receive training on Social Security Work Incentives, and network with community Ticket partners

The objectives of this Choose Work training are to:

- Expand the number of ENs serving your community;
- Assist current ENs to help more Ticket Holders, through technical assistance, training, sharing of best practices, and Work Incentives training; and
- Further develop existing, and create new partnerships in the community.



When: October 6–7, 2010

Where: Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel, 711 South Hope Street, Los Angeles CA 90017

To register for this training, please visit www.cessi.net/ttw and click on the Choose Work Tour icon.

“ I have far more self esteem and confidence. There’s more to look forward to because I am doing something I really have passion for. This program is so unique and is so needed. It’s been great to be part of the Ticket to Work program.” – **Curtis T.**



This two-day training will include:

Day One — 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.:

- Ticket 101: Basic overview of the Ticket program, requirements for becoming an EN, how to apply to be an EN, payment structure of the Ticket program
- Ticket 201: Tips, Tools and Strategies for Increasing Your EN’s Performance
- Beneficiary Recruitment and Retention Panel: Marketing Your EN
- Federal and State Tools to Help Your EN Reach Its Potential
- State and National EN Models
- GRADS and Bridges Pilot Programs: Engaging and Serving Youth with Disabilities
- Demonstrations and one-on-one time with experts as available

Day Two — 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.:

- The SSA Support Network: Area Work Incentives Coordinators, Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Projects and Protection and Advocacy, CESSI, MAXIMUS
- Partnerships and Network Building
- You Can Work — Ways to Keep Medi-Cal While Working
- SMARTWORKS Demonstration
- Ask the Experts

Day Two — 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.: WISE

WISE are community events held by local organizations for beneficiaries to learn more about available Social Security Work Incentives through accessible, informal, learning opportunities. Current ENs are invited to come to the WISE event to

meet beneficiaries who are interested in working. Prospective ENs are invited to experience a WISE event and how it can help your EN outreach to and connect with beneficiaries.

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This meeting is sponsored by the following Ticket to Work partners:

- Social Security Administration
- CESSI, a Division of Axiom, the Ticket Program Manager for Recruitment and Outreach
- MAXIMUS, the Ticket Program Operations Support Manager
- California Health Incentives Improvement Project
- National Employment Network Association
- LA Area Work Incentive Assistance and Planning Projects

For more information regarding the Ticket to Work program, please visit

- www.choosework.net,
- CESSI’s Frequently Asked Questions web page: www.cessi.net/ttw/faqs,
- www.yourtickettowork.com,
- www.ssa.gov/work,

or call 866-949-3687.



Support for Americans with Disabilities Who Want to Work.