



TICKET
to **Work**

Quarterly All Employment Network (EN) Call

Date : February 22, 2022



Call Agenda

1. Introductions and Social Security updates – **Robert Pfaff**
2. Cognosante Introduction – **Jocelyn Greenidge**
3. EN Updates and Reminders – **Cara Caplan**
4. Outreach Update – **Jayme Pendergraft**
5. Questions



ACT-V Academy – Part 2

Courses leading to Employer "In Demand" Entry Level IT Certifications (**Microsoft and CompTia**) through instructor led video-based learning with text lessons.

- The courses include the following:
 - Digital Literacy
 - Microsoft Office Specialist in the following areas:
 - Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint, Outlook and more
 - Microsoft 365 Fundamentals
 - Microsoft Teams Administrator

ACT-V Academy – Part 3

- The ACT-V Academy will allow persons with disabilities to enter into the IT Workforce with stackable Credentials.
 - Partnered with Cielo RPO who will help place those gaining Certification with their Clients.
- **Creditials include:**
 - Azure
 - CompTia A+
 - CompTia Network+
 - CompTia Security+

These is year 1 of the ACT-V Academy and more courses are coming in years 2 and 3.

ACT-V Academy – Part 4



ACT-V ACADEMY

ABILITIES TO
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TECHNICAL
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PRESENTED IN
ASSOCIATION WITH:

THE
NET
&
CSAVR

The image shows a graphic design for the ACT-V Academy. At the top, the text "ACT-V ACADEMY" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a black background. Below this, there is a stylized illustration of a computer window with a white background and a grey border. Inside the window, the text "ABILITIES TO CAREERS TECHNICAL VIRTUAL ACADEMY" is written in a blue, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is a small icon of a laptop with a blue screen and a white keyboard. Below the laptop icon, there is a small icon of a code editor with a blue background and white text. To the right of the window, the text "PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH:" is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below this text is the logo for "THE NET & CSAVR". The logo features a circular emblem with a group of people in various colors (red, blue, green, yellow) standing together. Below the emblem, the text "THE NET & CSAVR" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

- Offering 150 EN beneficiaries' free access through 8.31.22.
- Are you interested?
 - Please contact Mike Corso at Mike@disABLEDperson.com or at 760-420-1269.
- In Partnership with CSAVR, The National Employment Team (The NET), and Cielo RPO.

Thank You!

THANK YOU!

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Cognosante Introduction

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EN Development and Training Team

- **Derek Shields**
 - Sr. EN Development and Training Manager
- **Keitra Hill**
 - EN Development and Training Manager
- **7 Account Managers** to assist with:
 - Bridge LMS technical assistance
 - EN training inquiries and enrollment
 - EN marketing strategies
 - Partnership Plus collaboration

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EN Updates and Reminders



Ticket to Work Program Outreach

Choose Work Social Media

- TPM schedules daily social media posts (Facebook and Twitter) to promote and highlight:
 - Blog posts
 - Ticket Program resources and fact sheets
 - Work Incentive Seminar Event (WISE) webinars
 - Success stories
 - Important Social Security updates
 - Relevant information from other federal agencies

Choose Work! Blog Posts

- TPM publishes a weekly blog post.
- Recent popular topics include:
 - Annual Update “What’s New” blog and monthly Career Fair blogs
 - “What You Need to Know About the Trial Work Period”
 - “Apprenticeships: Learn While You Earn”
 - “Avoid Overpayments with Prompt Wage Reporting”
- Average viewership for those topics was slightly above 6,000 views.

Fact Sheets

- Ticket to Work fact sheets provide information about the Program and other Work Incentives.
- Recent publications include:
 - **Medicaid and Medicare Employment Supports**
 - Describes how income from a job will affect Medicare or Medicaid.
 - <https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/fact-sheet-medicare-and-medicaid-employment-supports>
 - **What is Social Security's Ticket to Work Program?**
 - Provides an introduction to the Ticket Program.
 - [What is Social Security's Ticket to Work Program? - Ticket to Work - Social Security \(ssa.gov\)](https://www.ssa.gov/ticket-to-work)



WISE Webinars

- WISE webinars are online events designed to explain the Ticket Program and Work Incentives through accessible learning opportunities.
 - Held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.
 - Average monthly attendance ranges from 400-600 depending on topic.
 - Next WISE topic is “Ticket to Work: Support on Your Journey to Employment” on February 23.
 - TPM sends sample social media posts for ENs to share every month.

Ticket to Work Program Outreach

Success Stories

- ENs submit candidates for success story and stepping stone stories.
- **Success stories** feature individuals who have achieved financial independence with the help of the Ticket Program.
- **Stepping stone stories** feature individuals who have made a major step on the path to financial independence but have not yet eliminated their reliance on benefits.
- Send candidates for stories to Stories@choosework.ssa.gov



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Questions?

Asking Questions

Over the Phone:

Follow the operator's guidance.

"Ask a Question" chatbox:

Enter your question into the "Ask a Question" window only.

Do not use "Audience Chat" to submit your questions.