

## Quarterly All Employment Network (EN) Call

November 15, 2018 • 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. ET

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## Call Agenda

- 1. Webinar user/chat instruction
- 2. Welcome and Social Security updates
- 3. Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Research and Outcomes
  - Questions
- 4. Work Incentives and Benefits Counseling Training
  - Questions
- 5. EN Updates
- 6. EN Foundations Training
- 7. Questions/Answers



# Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Research and Outcomes

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### Background

- Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) program provides free work incentives information to SSDI and SSI disability beneficiaries
- Community Work Incentive Coordinators (CWICs) at WIPA organizations:
  - Provide counseling about benefits and the effect of work on benefits
  - Provide ongoing work incentives monitoring and assistance
  - Develop long-term work plans to guide the effective use of work incentives
- WIPAs serve beneficiaries who are employed or seeking employment



### **Analysis of Employment Outcomes**

- Looked at two groups of SSDI and SSI disability beneficiaries who enrolled in WIPA services for the first time in 2009
  - Looking for work at intake
  - Employed at intake
- Compared to 2009 beneficiaries who did not receive WIPA services
  - All beneficiaries
  - Employed in 2009
- Looked at employment outcomes through 2015

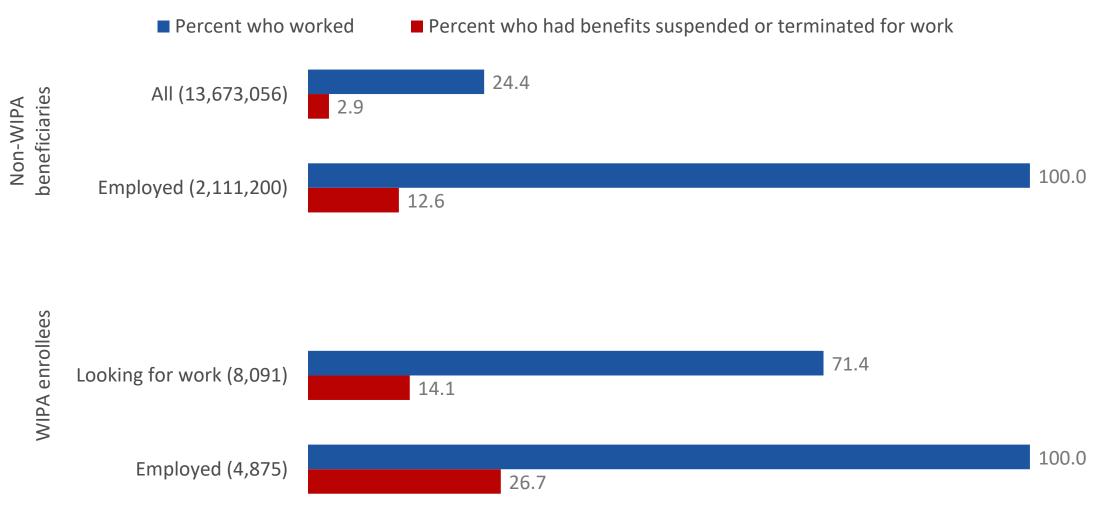


## Findings: Outcomes are Better for WIPA Enrollees than for Working Beneficiaries who Do Not Receive WIPA Services

- Many WIPA enrollees worked in the 6 years following enrollment and many had their benefits suspended or terminated due to work, leading to benefits forgone for work
- Outcomes are better than those for beneficiaries who work without getting WIPA services
- Those looking for work at WIPA enrollment have better long-term outcomes than those who were working in 2009 but did not get WIPA services
- These are not causal impacts WIPA participants may have had better outcomes even without receiving services. But there is a clear positive relationship between WIPA services and employment outcomes



## Work and Benefit Suspense for WIPA Enrollees

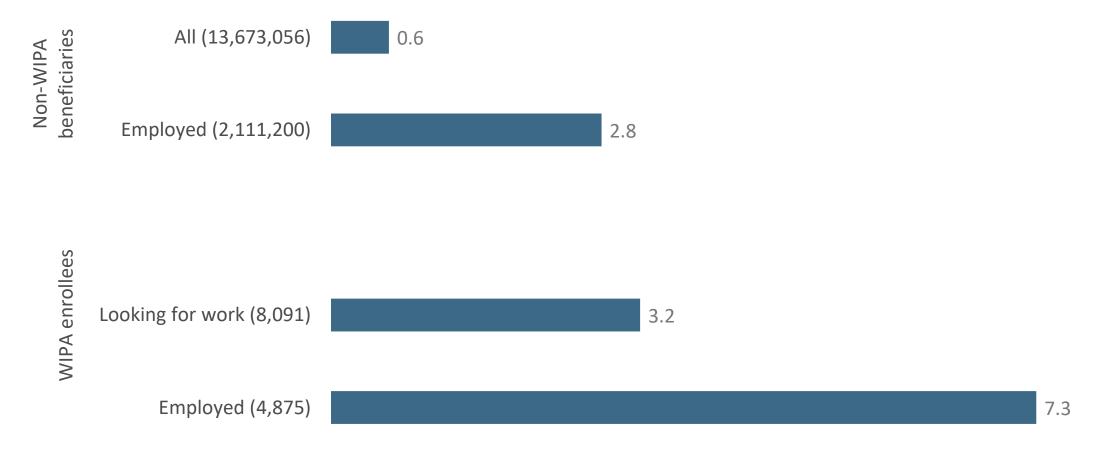


Source: November 2012 Efforts to Outcomes database, IRS Master Earnings File, and 2015 Disability Analysis File.

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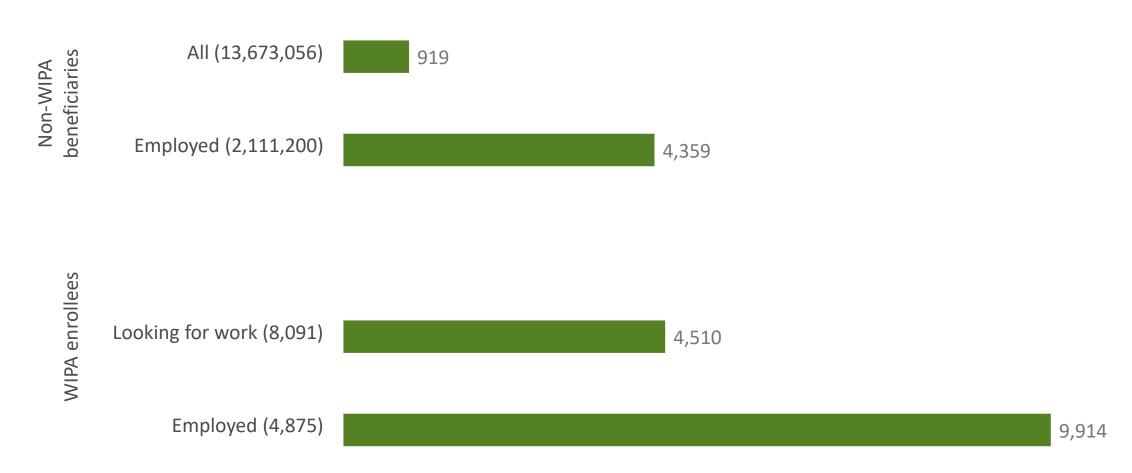


## Average Number of Months in Benefit Suspense/Termination for Work





## Average Benefits Forgone for Work (\$)



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