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Social Security's Ticket to Work

Quarterly All Employment Network (EN) Call



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Agenda

1. Welcome and SSA updates
2. Effective Practice: Angel's Success Story – Service Provider Interview
3. Outreach update
4. EN announcements and reminders
5. Wage Reporting FAQs
6. Questions/Answers

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Angel's Success Story (1 of 2)

- A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Angel experienced chronic pain from injuries sustained during his military experience and later experienced cancer. Due to his disabilities, he received SSDI, but he wanted to work to better provide for his family.
- When Angel was offered a job with a federal contractor under Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, he had questions about how returning to work and earning income would affect his benefits.



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Angel's Success Story (2 of 2)

- Connecting with the Choice Group provided Angel with the answers he needed and supports and services that helped him request reasonable accommodations and transition to the civilian workplace successfully.
- Read more: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/angel-success-story>



"So many veterans struggle after their service has ended. In the Air Force, your wingman is by your side as you face uncertainty... and on duty, you never leave another service member behind. In a way, the Ticket to Work program brings the wingman concept into the civilian workforce. They are by my side, and I'm grateful for that as I look ahead."

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Do You Have a Success Story?

- If you've worked with a Ticketholder who's achieved financial independence through work, submit the details of their story and how you helped them on their path.
- This is an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the work you do while offering you a powerful marketing tool.
- All success story candidates must be vetted and approved by Social Security. If selected, the Ticket Program Manager will work with you and the Ticketholder to create a story for publication on the Choose Work website and promotion to other organizations.
- To get started, email stories@choosework.ssa.gov.



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Shirley's Success Story

- After several episodes of falling asleep without control, Shirley sought help from a neurologist who diagnosed her with narcolepsy. During that time, Shirley had to stop working and suffered from depression as she struggled to find the right treatments.
- Once she was ready, Shirley knew she wanted to work. Her Employment Network helped her:
 - Understand other Social Security Work Incentives,
 - Find self-confidence and
 - Advocate for reasonable accommodations
- Read more: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/shirley-success-story>

Success Stories

Circadian Rhythm & Blues:
Shirley's Story



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New Resource!

Do your Ticketholders have questions about writing resumes? Do they ask you for interview advice?

- Presenting Your Best Self to Employers can help you answer these questions.
- Share it with your Ticketholders so they can learn more about:
 - Writing about their skills and experience in a resume
 - Preparing answers and questions for a job interview
 - Deciding if and how to disclose their disability to a potential employer
- Read more: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/presenting-your-best-self-to-employers-tip-sheet>



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Follow Choose Work on Social Media!

- Starting in May, the Ticket to Work for service providers Facebook and Twitter accounts will be shutting down.
- **But don't worry!** You can still find plenty of information, updates and resources by following the Ticket to Work program on Choose Work!



Where to Follow Choose Work



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Other Ways to Connect (1 of 2)

- **Ticket Connection:** Offers Social Security updates, information about upcoming tasks and requirements for service providers, upcoming events and trainings and tips to help your business succeed. ticketconnection@yourtickettowork.ssa.gov
- **WISE webinars:** Offer you and the Ticketholders you work with an opportunity to learn more about the Ticket program and other Work Incentives and specific employment topics.
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSSA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USSSA_101

Other Ways to Connect (2 of 2)

- **Trainings from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU):**
Do you need a refresher on Social Security programs and rules related to disability employment? Maybe you're interested in certification for benefits counseling? You can find the trainings you need from VCU's Work Incentives Planning and Assistance National Training and Data Center.
 - Bookmark their trainings page:
<https://vcu-ntdc.org/training/initial/initialindex.cfm>
 - Subscribe to receive their e-Newsletter:
<https://vcurrtc.org/about/eneews.cfm>

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Write a post for the Choose Work! Blog: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/blog>
- Present on a National Work Incentive Seminar Event (WISE) webinar: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/wise>
- **Contact** socialmedia@choosework.ssa.gov