

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

## Work Incentives for SSI and SSDI Beneficiaries

Many people with disabilities want to work, but fear losing access to critical programs like Social Security or healthcare under Medicaid and Medicare. This training is designed to dispel myths about working and the impact on disability programs.



### Learn more about:

- Social Security eligibility process
- How income from employment impacts eligibility for SSI and SSDI from Social Security, health insurance from Medicare, Medicaid, and other public health programs;
- Key Social Security Administration work incentives and how they can be utilized to support individuals with disabilities in employment
- “Conversational knowledge” of the impact of employment on public benefits and how best to communicate these concepts to beneficiaries; and
- Identifying and referring to programs providing benefits counseling services such as the South Dakota Benefits Specialist Network.

### Who should attend?

Employment service providers, VR counselors/supervisors, Mental Health Center and Community Support Provider staff, case managers, state agency staff, and other professionals who work with people with disabilities.

### Dates and Locations

Wednesday, April 8, 2020	Hilton Garden Inn, 814 E Mall Dr, Rapid City, SD
Thursday, April 9, 2020	Hilton Garden Inn, 814 E Mall Dr, Rapid City, SD
Thursday, April 16, 2020	Highland Conf Center, 2000 Highland Way, Mitchell, SD
Tuesday, April 21, 2020	Watertown Event Center, 1901 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Watertown, SD
Tuesday, May 5, 2020	LaQuinta, 4521 W 41 <sup>st</sup> St, Sioux Falls, SD
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	LaQuinta, 4521 W 41 <sup>st</sup> St, Sioux Falls, SD
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	Minervas, 1607 E Hwy 50, Yankton, SD

**All training sessions will be from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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### Work Incentives

Over time, state and federal rules and regulations, called “work incentives” have been implemented to encourage individuals who receive Social Security cash benefits (Social Security Disability Insurance/SSDI or Supplemental Security Income/SSI) to gain or maintain employment. These work incentives have made it easier to transition to employment by allowing continued access to healthcare and not necessarily stopping benefits completely or abruptly when a person returns to or continues employment. Many of these work incentives are underutilized or unknown by beneficiaries, state agency staff, and service providers. The purpose of this training is to change that.

In this training, participants will gain a practical understanding of these work incentives. But, more importantly, this training aims to help service providers and agency staff integrate this knowledge into their day-to-day work.

### Trainers:

Michelle Hosman has been a Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC) for thirteen years. She provides benefits and employment counseling to SSA beneficiaries in western South Dakota. Rhonda Erickson has been a CWIC in Sioux Falls for seven years and provided services to people with disabilities for over a decade prior. Bonnie Gusso has been a CWIC for five years and covers the Yankton and Mitchell areas. Brad Konechne has been a CWIC for five years and covers the Brookings and northeastern South Dakota areas. Barry Gravatt and Tynell Millner have been community CWICs for the ASPIRE project for five years and now are CWICs with the South Dakota Benefits Specialist Network. Barry provides services in western South Dakota and Tynell provides services in central South Dakota.

**Register for this FREE training TODAY!**

**Registration deadline: March 27, 2020**

**Registration link: [Register Now](#)**

*Accommodations such as auxiliary aids or services to participate in the training e.g., ASL interpreters, large print, need to be requested 14 days before the training session you are signed up for.*

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