

May 2015 Newsletter

How To Get Back To Work While On Disability The Pass Program and The Ticket to Work Program



I had the pleasure of being a guest speaker for a workshop hosted by Disability Link and led by Fran Durbin. The workshop focused on the various options people have on returning to work while on disability. So many great questions were raised during our discussion, and there were so many valid concerns about how to get back in the workforce while receiving

disability benefits. I felt the discussion covered some important issues that many of our clients are facing as well. As a result, I wanted to highlight two of the biggest incentive programs that SSA has created for people who wish to get back to work while on disability - PASS and Ticket to Work. I would also like to thank Fran and the people at Disability Link for hosting me and allowing me the great opportunity to speak at their workshop.

PASS:

PASS is an SSI provision designed to help individuals with disabilities get back to work. As you know, SSI eligibility and payment are based on income and resources. PASS allows individuals on SSI to set aside money and/or things they own to pay for items or services needed to achieve a specific work goal.

So how does that work? Individuals interested need to find out what type of training, items, or services are needed to reach a work goal. This may be things like supplies to start a business, school expenses, equipment, transportation and other such items. Applicants for the PASS program must also find out how much these items and services will cost. PASS will then help the individual to save to pay for these costs. Ways to do this include setting aside money for installment payment or saving for a down payment for things like a vehicle or wheelchair in order to reach their work goal.

Ticket To Work:

Disability beneficiaries are provided the help they need to safely explore their work options without immediately losing their benefits. It gives them the flexibility and time to find the job that is right for them. Beneficiaries can also use a combination of work incentives to maximize their income until they reach a point where they have enough knowledge and skills to support themselves.

Because of this program, an individual can:

- Go to work without losing disability benefits right away
- Return to benefits if he or she is unable to sustain substantial gainful activity
- Continue to receive healthcare
- Be protected from receiving a Medical Continuing Disability Review while using the Ticket to Work program to make the expected progress with work or educational goal

Contact the Social Security Administration for more information on these programs by going <u>online</u> or call 1-800-772-1213.

Memorial Day: May 25, 2015

Honoring Our Fallen Soldiers



Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday every May. It serves as a day to honor those who died serving the United States Military. Memorial Day originated after the American Civil War to honor both the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the war. The holiday was extended by the 20th century to include all American soldiers.

While this day is not to be confused with Veteran's Day which celebrates the service of all United States military veterans, we still want to honor and thank our active duty soldiers and our veterans for their service and willingness to sacrifice their lives for our protection and freedom.

Welcome to the World Hanna Khaki! Congratulations to the Khaki Family

Congratulations to Owner and Attorney Sara Khaki and family! They had a beautiful and

healthy baby girl on May 6! She weighed 6lbs, 7 oz and was 18 inches long.



Business Plan Accelerator Bootcamp

Calling all entrepreneurs and small business owners!

Are you considering starting your own business but you just don't know where to start or how to prioritize your resources?

Are you an entrepreneur but you just haven't figured out how to cross the line from a barely surviving start-up to a thriving business?

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What is it?

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In addition, you will have the opportunity to hear other small business owners plans to learn directly from their experience. This is a 100% NO JUDGEMENT ZONE, and we operate in complete confidentiality. It's intense. They leave no stone unturned to provide maximum value. The added experience of the networking event provides you with the opportunity to meet other local owners in the area. Hint, networking will take on an entirely new meaning after day 1 of the workshop!

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