

## Eligibility Requirement for WIPA Services:

- To be between 14 & Full Retirement age;
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSDI) insurance;
- Considering work, ready to work, or working now;
- Eligible for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan at school;

And want to know impact of earnings on your and your family benefits.

WIPA Community Work Incentive Coordinators are Social Security Administration certified and they will answer your questions and concerns.

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**1.877.809.7028**

**OR**

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Leave a confidential message on WIPA voicemail.

*Understanding How Work Incentives Help You Return to Work, Manage Disability Related Benefits and Stay Employed*

## Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program in New Hampshire



## Thinking about working?

### Work Incentives Planning & Assistance (WIPA)

The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program is a Social Security Administration funded Cooperative Agreement. WIPA provides benefits and work incentives advisement to individuals receiving disability benefits and who want to return to employment or are already employed. WIPA is New Hampshire statewide program. Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWIC) can meet with you individually to discuss how returning to work impact your benefits as well as recommend work incentives that can maximize your income and healthcare options as you return to work and achieve greater financial self-sufficiency.

In New Hampshire WIPA is administered by Granite State Independent Living (GSIL).



## Ready to go to work?

### We are ready to support you.

- We give you tools and training so that you can better manage your benefits.
- We help you to develop plans to utilize available Social Security Administration and State work incentives.
- We will teach you how to accurately report your earnings.
- We help you to choose the appropriate health assistance program for your situation.
- We take an active and “hands-on” role assisting you in using available work incentives.

*“Thank you so much for spending time with me going over the Social Security puzzle! It is a relief to me for you to put information into terms that I can understand.”*

— Pam S.

## Are you working?

### Be sure you know the facts:

- Q:** I am a student. Can I work part-time?
- A:** Yes, you can. There are work incentives, Student Earned Income Exclusion, for students under age 22.
- Q:** Can I get training and receive disability benefits?
- A:** Yes, you can get training without losing your benefits.
- Q:** It’s too hard to understand benefits myself. Is there someone who can help me put all the pieces together?
- A:** Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWIC) help individuals to understand their Federal and State benefits and the impact of earnings on them.
- Q:** I need to have more money. Would I and my family lose benefits if I go to work?
- A:** Social Security has ‘Work Incentive’ programs that allow you transition in to work without losing your eligibility.