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Iowa Workforce Development Office Hosts Informational Meeting For Persons with Disabilities

Ames, IA - Social Security recognizes some people who receive Social Security benefits due to a disability may want to obtain employment, but they have many questions as to how this would impact their benefits, health insurance, and may need additional support to seek employment. People who receive Social Security Disability or SSI are encouraged to learn about the current work incentives, in particular the Ticket to Work program, to help them make an informed decision about working. Your local Iowa Workforce Development office is hosting a Ticket to Work Information meeting for Social Security disability beneficiaries on Monday, January 28, from 10-11 am at the DMACC Hunziker Career Academy, Room 102 - 1420 S. Bell Ave. Ames, IA. This one hour meeting will explain the Ticket to Work program and provide other resources available, including other "Employment Networks" located in the area. These employment networks assist job seekers in connecting with the available services that will support the beneficiary in reaching his or her employment goal. This meeting is available at no charge and to register please contact Lindsay Epperson, (515) 205-4539, or lindsay.epperson@iwd.iowa.gov (for deaf/hard of hearing please use Relay Iowa 711) prior to the meeting date.

The Social Security Administration recently announced that Iowa State Workforce Partners are now an approved Employment Network under the federal Social Security Ticket to Work program. Numerous work incentives are offered by the Social Security Administration, one which is the Ticket Program, an employment program available to most Social Security beneficiaries with disability between the ages of 18-65. The goal of the Ticket Program is to increase choices for Social Security disability beneficiaries to obtain employment, vocational rehabilitation, and other services.

The Iowa State Workforce Partners, is a seven state agency partnership that includes the following agencies: Iowa Workforce Development, Iowa Department for the Blind, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Human Rights – Division of Persons with Disabilities, Iowa Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Iowa Department of Human Services. This partnership is a coordinated effort enhancing employment opportunities to job seekers who have a disability. As an employment network, this partnership will support local Workforce Center Systems in their efforts to include Social Security beneficiaries in their workforce.

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