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About Employment Options –A Certified Social Security
Employment Network We assist ticket-holders in finding both Work at
Home and Work in the Community

Providing services through the Ticket to Work Program –
Open to all SSI and SSDI beneficiaries (not retirement) ages 18-64.

History:

In business since 1993 – now 15 staff members

Ticket to Work since 2003

Entirely Virtual - Recruiting nationwide

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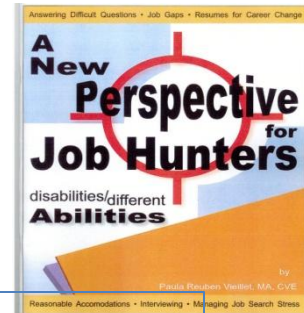
What we do – Job Placement and Retention

Disabilities / Different Abilities: A New Perspective for Job Hunters.

Assessment

Teach your rights

Resume



- **Job development - we refer you to appropriate employers**
- **Follow-up with employers**
- **Work adjustment counseling**
- **Accommodations**
- **Benefits counseling and Retention**



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If you are age 18 through 64 and receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) you automatically qualify.

Employment Networks will verify your eligibility when you contact them.



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Basics of Ticket to Work Program:

Designed to take the fear out of going back to work through a gradual process that allows people receiving Social Security disability to try to go back to work without immediately losing their benefits

Voluntary Program

SSDI and SSI have different rules!

SSA benefit information is provided as a guide only. Check with you SSA rep or WIPA for information tailored to your circumstances.



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BENEFITS OF THE TICKET TO WORK PROGRAM

1. **Free job placement help** from an Employment Network of your choice.
2. **Exemption from Continuing Disability review** If you assign your Ticket to an EN before you receive notice of a medical Continuing Disability Review (CDR), you will not have to undergo the medical review while you are participating in the Ticket to Work program and making progress within Social Security's timeframes.
3. **Protection from losing your disability** status or health insurance due to work.



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Basics of Program:

SSDI – 9 month Trial work Period (TWP) in a 5 year period. The TWP allows you to test your ability to work and still keep cash benefits! During this period any month you earned over Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) In 2014 –earnings over \$770 counts as a Trial Work Month.

Once an SGA decision is made for the next 36 months – you will be in Extended Period of Eligibility. **Any month your earnings drop below SGA (in 2014 – SGA is \$1070 for non-blind) you are STILL entitled to receive cash benefits.**

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Once the 36 months have been completed you enter the **Expedited Reinstatement Period that lasts another five years**

You will not need to reapply if your benefits ended within the past five years due to your earnings and you meet a few other requirements, including that you still have the original medical condition or one related to it that prevents you from working.

For more information about Expedited Reinstatement, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/exr.htm



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Basics of Program:

SSI – No trial work period

Simplified explanation. (not actual formula)

For every \$2 you earn, SSA will deduct \$1 from your monthly check after the first \$85 of earnings



Totally Confused??

All Employment Options ticket-holders receive personalized help in understanding their benefits.

Attend a WISE event

Talk to your WIPA – Work Incentive Planning and Assistance



WORK FROM HOME JOBS –

W-2 positions – Set Hours – Hourly Pay

Call Center Jobs

Tech Support

Nursing – LPN

1099 – We do not assist with this type of employment

Not set hours

Often piece work – Medical transcriptionist, surveys,

Mystery shoppers

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Work from home minimum requirements

- **All applicants must be legally able to work in the U.S**
- **A high school diploma or GED**
- **Have excellent communication skills**
- **Be able to work a set schedule which often includes week-ends and full-time training hours**



Work from home minimum requirements

➤ Computer or laptop (no Mac's)

Minimum processor of 1 Ghz to 1.5 Ghz -1 GB RAM

➤ High speed Internet connection – no DISH or DTV

Direct connection to the internet – NO WIRELESS or HOT SPOTS

➤ Minimum Upload 1.5 MBPS and Download .5 MBPS

➤ Home phone – not cell phone

➤ May need USB Headset and /or Headset that plugs

into phone

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Work from home minimum requirements

- **Ability to work independently.**
- **Quiet noise free home office space, free of distractions**
- **Clear speaking voice**
- **Type 25 wpm**
- **Minimum of 6 months customer service experience or
for medical jobs current state license**

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- **Customer Care – Cable TV (MEO-512)**
- **States Hiring In:** Nationwide.
- **Job Details:** Part & Full Time. (Wages depend on State). Ability to work required evenings, weekends, & holidays. * Part-time training available for part-time jobs
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- **Job Description:** Answering Incoming calls. Troubleshooting customers' programming and/or equipment issues, answering customer questions, explaining available programs, and upgrades.
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- **Minimum Requirements:** High school diploma/GED required. Provide a distraction free home office environment; Type at least 30 wpm. Minimum 6+ months recent customer service, retail, or call center experience. Strong Listening skills. 6 week training program. Background and credit check.
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- **Computer Requirements:**
 - Computer (PC). 1 GHz Processor or Greater
 - Minimum 1 GB of available hard drive space-
 - 1GB RAM for XP, 2GB RAM for Vista or Windows 7
- - High Speed Internet Service (DSL, Cable or Fiber Optic) (No wireless or satellite)-
- Basic analog *landline* residential telephone service (No Skype, Magic Jack, Google Voice, or other soft phones.)



BACKGROUND CHECKS

CREDIT CHECKS

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HOT JOBS

- Gaming Tech Support
- Concierge – Executive Assistant
- Tech Support
- Seasonal Jobs

Beware of Scams!

- President on how to avoid Work at Home Scams.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkkU4Mn6RJU&list=UUa7yF8HS69VWbL62pc2GjDg>
- If it sounds too good to be true – BEWARE!
- If they ask for upfront money – CAUTION!

Some exceptions:

Arise affiliates– you must pay for training

NO TO ENVELOPE STUFFING JOBS, ASSEMBLY AT HOME – IF YOU MUST BUY SOMETHING TO GET STARTED – DON'T!!



Frequent Questions:

Unfortunately due to our funding we are unable to help with:

Retraining

Purchase computers, set up internet, phone lines

Starting your own business

Unfortunately due to our employer's computer systems:

**Not able to accommodate JAWS or ZoomTech in
work from home jobs**

**No Chat only jobs available or other jobs that will
accommodate hard of hearing**

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Want to see more jobs? Want to apply??

All Work from Home applicants MUST APPLY through our website.

<http://myemploymentoptions.com/for-job-seekers/pre-qualify/>

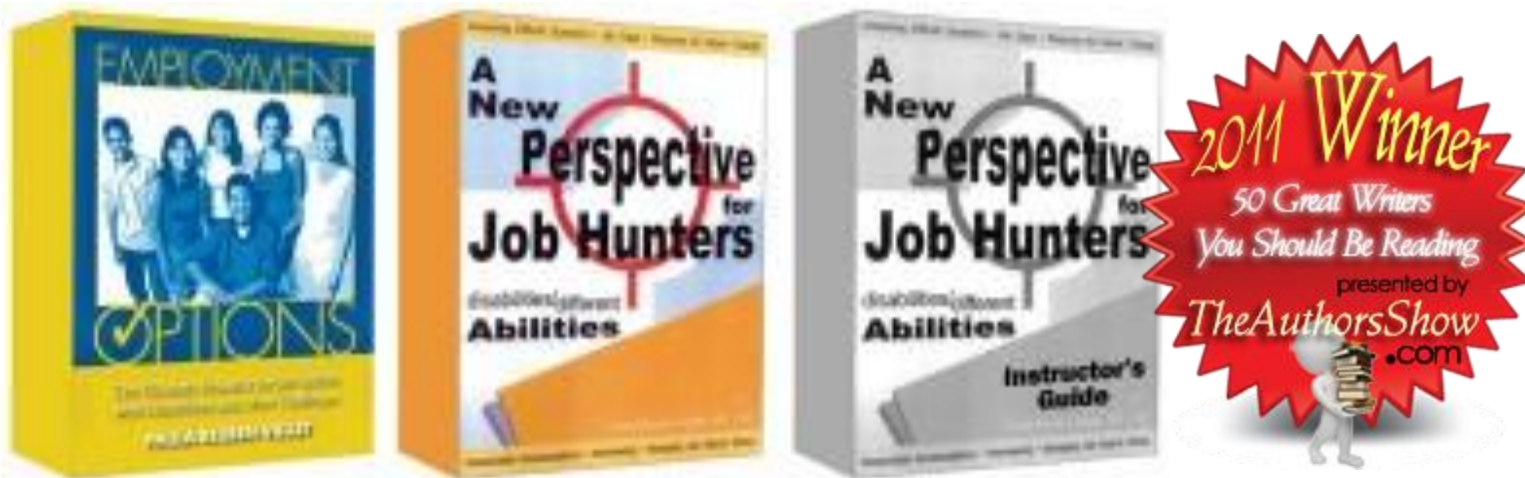
*The application is part of our assessment.

You must be currently receiving SSI or SSDI to qualify for our government sponsored program.

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For more resume tips and sample career change resumes.



EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS: The Ultimate Resource for Job Seekers with Disabilities and other Challenges

by Paula Reuben Vieillet, MA, CVE

<http://myemployeroptions.com/resources/books/>

At your local library



NEED OTHER RESOURCES?

Email: help@myemploymentoptions.com

Good luck in your job search!



Don't Qualify – Still need Help?

Upcoming job fair on October 8, 2014 is open to all!!

Register on our website –

<http://myemployeroptions.com/register-for-virtual-job-fair/>

For more employment resources – email:

help@myemployeroptions.com for a list of other resources

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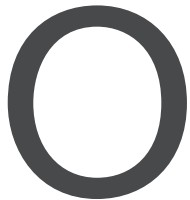


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**The Job Opportunity Website for
Persons with Disabilities and Inclusive Employers**



**AbilityLinks VIRTUAL JOB FAIR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014**



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month and to celebrate AbilityLinks is hosting a virtual job

fair **Wednesday, October 8 through Thursday, October 9, 2014.**

All job seekers with disabilities and employers are invited! Registration is free. To register, post a resume or job(s) on AbilityLinks and complete a brief sign up form. That's all that's required. [SIGN UP](#) or learn more.

Accessible 24 hours a day, this two day online recruiting event will match talented job seekers to employment opportunities from entry level to technical and professional. Job seekers will be able to apply for jobs posted especially for the job fair and network with recruiters in the job fair chat room. [SIGN UP](#) or learn more.



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