CDO Workforce Work Incentive Practitioner Services

If you receive Social Security benefits and you have a job or are looking for one, there are specially trained professionals at CDO Workforce known as Work Incentive Practitioner to help you make sense of complex employment and benefit-related issues.

Kathy DeAngelo, a certified Work Incentive Practitioner with 10 years of experience, is now joined by CDO Workforce Disability Resource Coordinator Alan Sessions, who earned his Work Incentive Practitioner certification on July 11, 2019.

Kathy and Alan provide individual counseling to beneficiaries seeking employment and intensive follow-up services to ensure that they are using the work incentives appropriately.

Work Incentive Practitioners provide confidential services to people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). They educate beneficiaries on how employment will affect their public benefits such as SSI, SSDI, Medicare, Medicaid, subsidized housing and food stamps.

Kathy assists individuals 18 years old or older in the Chenango-Delaware-Otsego area, while Alan assists youth, ages 16 to 24, in the same area.

Kathy and Alan can help you with the following:
- Help you understand how working and earning wages will affect your public benefits
- Provide ongoing assistance to help you manage your benefits as you transition into employment or increase your earnings
- Provide information on available education, training, and employment services
- Explore, apply and implement ABLE Accounts, PASS Plans and other Work Incentives that assist you to achieve your employment goal
- Understand the rules of Ticket to Work legislation and explore specific Work Incentives you might be eligible for
- Explore the potential benefits of employment as a Social Security recipient, while dispelling the myths and fears about returning to the workforce
- Analyze how work and earnings may impact your Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), health care, and other public benefits
- Understand the services provided by a State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency or an Employment Network (EN), and how they might fit best with your needs
- Enhance self-sufficiency and teach problem-solving skills and self-advocacy
- Develop benefits analysis and advisement/benefits support, planning/benefits management
- Inform and refer to other resources available to you in the community

To make an appointment please call the CDO Workforce Center in Oneonta at 607-432-4800 and ask for either Kathy or Alan.

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