## **Benefits Information**

## **Main Messages for Individuals and Families**

Working is beneficial to your economic well-being. State and federal assistance programs can help people with disabilities in multiple ways. If you are eligible, these benefits can be used for classes, transportation expenses, rent, workplace assistance, and more!

- ✓ There are many myths and misunderstandings about benefits. Knowing that you CAN work, save money, and still receive benefits is important.
- ✓ Knowledge of benefits empowers you to set goals and make informed decisions.
- ✓ Each person's situation is unique and may have different outcomes. The key is to obtain accurate and timely information from benefits experts.
- ✓ Benefits counseling is available through Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) or <u>Indiana's Work</u>
  <u>Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA)</u> services.
- ✓ <u>MED Works</u>, a state health insurance benefit program, provides working individuals with disabilities with continued Medicaid eligibility.

## **Benefits Resources**

- ✓ <u>The Social Security Administration Red Book</u>, a guide to work incentives.
- ✓ <u>The Ticket to Work Program</u> supports career development for people ages 18 through 64 who receive Social Security disability benefits and want to work.
- ✓ <u>Benefits Information</u> from the Center on Community Living and Careers at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community.

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