

Information from Service Coordination

Job Services

There are federal and state programs offered to assist individuals who have disabilities find a job. The typical way that people receive employment services is through the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS). DORS offers programs and services such as vocational evaluations, skills training, academic preparation, employment guidance and counseling, and job placement. Services through DORS are provided to individuals based on eligibility and priority status.

The RISE (Reach Independence through Self Employment) program helps people explore the idea of self-employment, develop a business plan, research funding sources, and marketing ideas. The Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) provides limited funding (typically not exceeding \$15,000) to assist with the implementation of some business plans favorably reviewed by the RISE Program review committee.

The Social Security Administration has three programs for employment support:

- **Ticket to Work Program:** The Social Security Administration automatically sends the “tickets” to eligible people receiving SSI or SSDI. The “ticket” can be taken to an employment network for assistance with locating and keeping a job. There is no cost. The Social Security Administration has contracted to help you select an employment provider.
- **IRWE (Impairment-Related Work Expense):** This is for SSI and SSDI recipients. This program allows you to subtract the costs of items and services that are disability and work related to be deducted from your earnings before calculating the final disability benefit award so that you will not lose as much of your SSI or SSDI check.
- **P.A.S.S. (Plan for Achieving Self Support):** This program allows a person to save money to fund an employment related activity (such as an educational or training program or to start a business).

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