

# Social Security Benefits Basics

## Job Seekers and Workers The *EASY* Way

Actions to take for making the most of your Social Security and Employment benefits **before** you accept an employment offer or start your own business:

### ❖ **ESTABLISH** contact with your Social Security Administration office

- ◆ Social Security Administration  
1-800-772-1213 toll free  
1-800-325-0778 TTY  
[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

### ❖ **ASK** a Social Security Administration representative for a Social Security Statement to learn which type(s) of benefits you are receiving

- ◆ Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI or SSD)
- ◆ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

### ❖ **SEPARATE** which Work Incentive rules apply to benefit(s) you receive

#### ✦ **Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI or SSD)**

- ▲ Trial Work Period
- ▲ Extended period of eligibility
- ▲ Expedited Reinstatement
- ▲ Medicare continuation
- ▲ Work Expenses related to your disability

#### ✦ **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

- ▲ Continuation of Medicaid
- ▲ Expedited reinstatement
- ▲ Work Expenses related to your disability
- ▲ Plan to achieve self-support
- ▲ Students with disabilities

### ❖ **YOU** get an understanding of the impact of Work Incentive rules which apply specifically to **YOU** and your situation before **YOU** accept an employment offer or start your own business

#### ✦ **Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program**

- ▲ Community Work Incentive Coordinator

#### ✦ **Ticket to Work Program**

- ▲ Employment Network Provider

For more work related facts, contact information, and resource assistance in your local area visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/work](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work)

