## SHEPHERD CENTER BENEFITS NAVIGATOR WIPA PROGRAM

ECONOMIC
INDEPENDENCE FOR
PEOPLE
With Disabilities

## Who Is Eligible

- Individuals with any type of disability between age 14 and Full Retirement age who
  - Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or both and who
- Are interested in pursuing work goals.

# What Can A Community Work Incentive Coordinator (CWIC) Do For You?

The Community Work Incentive Coordinator will provide information to help you understand how work may affect your Social Security benefits.

This could mean simply answering a question by phone or sitting down with you to review your current benefits and explain to you how they will be affected if you go to work. It might mean developing a long term plan with you with regular checkpoints or meetings along the way to ensure that you have the latest and most accurate information.

If you are a person with a disability and you want to work, but you need more information about how working will change your benefits, we can help. We are Benefits Navigator, a **FREE** service supported by Shepherd Center in a cooperative agreement with the Social Security Administration.

## Charting The Right Course

Community Work Incentive Coordinators provide information on:

- How your Social Security benefits and other State or Federal benefits would change if you were employed,
- Work incentives such as Plan to Achieve Self Support, the Trial Work Period, and Impairment Related Work Expenses, and
- Other programs and services that can help

you create a plan for successful employment.

## **Counties Served**

Bartow, Butts, Carroll,
Catoosa, Chattooga,
Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb,
Coweta, Dade, Dawson,
DeKalb, Douglass, Fannin,
Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth,
Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon,
Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson,
Heard, Henry, Jasper,
Lumpkin, Murray, Newton,
Paulding, Pickens, Polk,
Putnam, Rockdale, Spalding,
Towns, Union, Walker,
White, Whitfield

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For General Information about how work may affect your benefits call - Ticket to Work Help Line 866-968-7842 TTY 866- 833-2967

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