

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)

The Ticket to Work Act of 1999 authorized the formation of the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security to help those who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits break down barriers to employment.



Employment Advocacy Programs such as PABSS are designed to assist people with disabilities to obtain, maintain, regain and/or advance in employment.



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Disability Rights of West Virginia

Inform

Advocate

Empower

DRWV can inform:

- You of your employment rights
- You of your rights as a client of the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS) or employment networks



- You about workplace accommodations
- You about West Virginia's Work Incentives and Planning Assistance (WIPA) project
- You about work incentives that may help you to obtain meaningful employment
- You about additional resources that could assist you to obtain and maintain employment

DRWV can advocate:

- For appropriate assessments
- For employment supports
- For job accommodations
- For eligibility to employment programs
- For access to appropriate services and supports from the WVDRS and other employment related agencies
- For your legal rights
- For training/education



DRWV can empower:

- You to achieve your best at work and a fulfilling career
- You to strengthen your self advocacy skills



Services include:

- Information and Referral
- Technical Assistance
- Advocacy
- Mediation
- Legal Representation