

What Can A Benefits Counselor Do For You?

Benefits Counselors will provide information to help you understand how going to work for the first time or returning to 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.

Benefits counselors will advocate for you with other agencies or organizations but more importantly, they will help you learn to advocate for yourself.

Counties Served

Baldwin, Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Bleckley, Butts, Carroll, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Crawford, Crisp, DeKalb, Dodge, Dooley, Daugherty, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Greene, Gwinnett, Hall, Hancock, Henry, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Laurens, Lee, Macon, Madison, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Paulding, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Rockdale, Spalding, Twiggs, Walton, Washington, Wilkinson.

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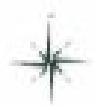
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SHEPHERD CENTER BENEFITS NAVIGATOR

*ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE
FOR PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES*



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 funded by the Social Security Administration.

Charting The Right Course

Benefits Navigator provides information on:

- How your Social Security benefits and/or state benefits would change if you were employed,
- Work incentives such as PASS, the Trial Work Period, and Impairment Related Work Expenses, and
- Other programs and services that can help you create a plan for successful employment.

Who Is Eligible

- Adults and teenagers age 14 to 65 with any type of disability who
- Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or both and who
- Are interested in pursuing work goals.

Outreach Services

Benefits Navigator Staff are available present information about the project to community groups, organizations and agencies that provide services to people with disabilities. Contact us to schedule a speaker.

Our counselors will make every effort to meet with you at a time and place that is convenient for you.

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