

Glossary of Terms

Social Security Administration (SSA) - a U.S. government agency that administers social programs covering disability, retirement and survivors' benefits.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) - is a Social Security program that pays monthly benefits to you if you become disabled before you reach retirement age and aren't able to work. To qualify for the SSDI program, you must have worked a certain number of years in a job where you paid Social Security taxes (FICA) taxes.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes). It is designed to help aged, blind and individuals with disabilities who have little or no income and it provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter.

Employment Network (EN) - are authorized by the Social Security Administration to provide Ticket to Work Program services to qualified individuals. EN's provide free career counseling, job search support, benefits and career counseling and other services to assist Ticket holders to find and maintain work.

Benefits Counseling - a free service offered to job seekers to know how working will affect their benefits, including Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), housing assistance, SNAP/food stamps, etc.

Career Planning - review of skills and interests to develop a plan on work options available to you.

Career Counseling - a service to help you know your job options to make choices about education, life and employment.

Employment Support - helps you enter, return, or remain on the job by protecting your benefits until you reach your goal.

Job Accommodations - changes to a work setting that allow you to perform your job tasks.

Job Leads - information about job openings from the employer on the positions they are trying to fill and the skills needed for the job.

Job Placement - a combination of support such as counseling and skill assessment used to find and secure a job.

Job Training - support to help you get ready