

## Benefits Planning & Counseling to individuals and their selected representatives include but are not limited to:

- Identification and referral to employment related education, training, placement services, personal support services, and consumer advocacy services as needed.
- Analyzing benefits and how they support your return to work.
- Referrals to and information regarding other public programs

## Vocational Rehabilitation Services

These services from a Benefits Specialist are available to recent or current Vocational Rehabilitation clients.

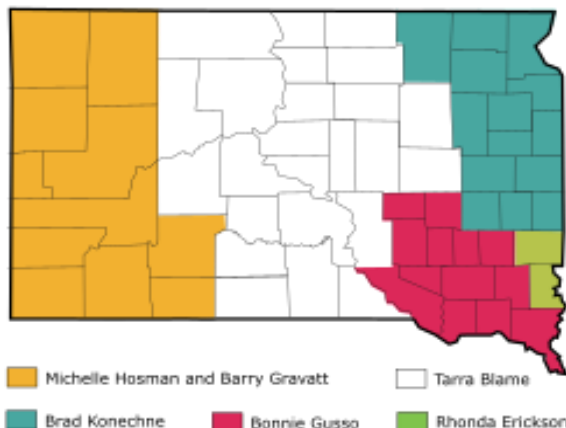
If you would like to apply or receive more information on receiving Vocational Rehabilitation Services call

1-605-367-5330 or visit our website at

[dhs.sd.gov/rehabservices](https://dhs.sd.gov/rehabservices).



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# BENEFITS PLANNING & COUNSELING

If you are a Social Security disability beneficiary and would like to learn how work will affect your benefits, we can provide information about available work incentives at no cost to you!

## Benefits Specialist services are available if you ...

- Have a disability
- Are receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and/or
- Are receiving Childhood Disability Benefits (CDB); and/or
- Are receiving Supplemental Security (SSI), and
- Want to know how work will affect your benefits and services

## Benefits Specialist services are available to people who...

- Want to work
- Are currently working
- Live in South Dakota

Our goal is to enable SSDI or SSI beneficiaries to make informed choices about work and support them in making a successful transition to self-sufficiently.

Our trained Benefits Specialists will offers guidance through the following services:

- **Information and Referral:** Information about work incentives and/or referral to other agencies or Vocational Rehabilitation.
- **Benefits Analysis:** Explanations of work incentives and worksheets showing benefits, work etc.
- **Work Incentives Planning:** The development of a customized Work Incentives Plan through discussions, information, and worksheets that will assist beneficiaries in becoming self-sufficient.
- **Benefits Management:** Periodic adjustments and information to assist in maintaining work and moving towards self-sufficiency.



Information about Social Security benefits is provided on an individual basis. Plans for additional services are developed with you as needed. Accommodations will be provided upon request

## What are Work Incentives?

Social Security Work Incentives are regulations that make it possible for people who receive disability benefits to work without losing their benefits until they become self-sufficient.

There are different rules for SSDI and SSI benefits, yet both programs have conditions that allow a person time to test their ability to work without losing benefits and health coverage.

If your benefits end because of your work and you have to stop working later, work incentives make it possible to begin receiving benefits again.

## When To Call Your Benefits Specialist:

- Employment Changes
  - Your job ends for any reason.
  - Your wage or hours increase or decrease.
- You are worried about your job affecting your benefits.
- Anytime you have a questions about letters or forms from Social Security.