

Pathways to Employment

Washington State has created a website dedicated to helping SSI and SSDI recipients learn more about going to work, how to get a job, and how it will effect benefits.

The Pathways to Employment (P2E) website includes a set of tools to help you make decisions about going to work. Going to work does not have to mean you will lose your healthcare benefits. This website can show you how things could change if you work and earn money. If you do decide to go to work, this website can help you make that path a smooth and rewarding one.

www.pathwaystoemployment.wa.gov

The website includes a Benefits Calculator. To get there, just click on a box at the top of the screen labeled, "Benefits Estimator".

The website has links to video interviews with people who are successfully working and receiving benefits. Click on the box labeled success stories, then on the following screen, look on the right hand of the screen at the list entitled, "Videos on the Web" and click on "NCHSD Video Library". OR you can type into the navigation bar, "http://www.nchsd.org/library/videos/AHCCS/index.asp

Also embedded in the website is a **Resume Builder**:

- You can use most sections of the website without signing in. But you must register and sign in to use the online Resume Builder or to save the Benefits Estimator information that you enter.
- We save your resume so you can come back and update it whenever you need to. A finished resume can be saved as a protected document by choosing "pdf" (viewable in Acrobat Reader). "PDF" is the default option.
- You can also save your resume as an "rtf" file, if you'd like to use Word or Word Perfect to make changes to it.
This option may be helpful if you want to work on it with someone else outside of the website, or change it while working on a computer not connected to the Internet.
- Please note that the "rtf" option takes you out of the website, and any changes made outside of it are not saved in the website file.
- To include any changes that will be saved in the website, you need to enter them with the "pdf" option turned on.

ALSO:

A nation-wide resource, Think Beyond The Label, is a national private-public partnership that aids job seekers with disabilities. The partnership has launched an online portal that connects job seekers with disabilities to employers actively looking to hire them. This new job-search engine gives free access to nearly 1 million job listings from more than 90,000 screened employers. www.thinkbeyondthelabel.com/Job-Board/Job-Board.aspx