

## WHAT IS THE SSA'S TICKET TO WORK PROGRAM

The Ticket to Work (TTW) Program is one of many work incentive programs sponsored by the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA). It is an employment program for people with disabilities who are interested in going to or returning to work.

TTW is part of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. This legislation was designed to remove many of the barriers that in the past prompted some people to opt out of work due to concerns over losing their health care coverage.

The goal of the TTW program is to offer SSI/SSDI beneficiaries more choices for supports when they are ready to find employment.

The SSA provides Disability beneficiaries with information about the TTW program and how they can use their Ticket to obtain the services they need to find employment from one of the many organizations called Employment Networks (ENs).

ENs provide a variety of customized services to support the beneficiary in returning to work. The EN can collect payments when a beneficiary begins working or when the beneficiary reaches Trial Work Level (TWL) and/or Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) amounts.

Many agencies are interested in the TTW program, but don't have the time or resources to manage the detailed paperwork required

## RISE WILL MANAGE THE TICKET TO WORK DETAILS FOR YOUR AGENCY

by the SSA. Rise has a dedicated staff member who can help you in many ways as well as keep you up-to-date on all TTW policies and procedures and other pertinent information.

Rise only gets paid if you get paid. We charge your agency a small percentage to cover our administrative costs.



Rise can assist your agency in several ways, including:

- \* Provide assistance and feedback as to how to fill out the Individual Work Plan (IWP)
- \* Handle additional paperwork once your IWP is completed
- \* Send monthly email updates to managers of the Midwest TTW Partnership agencies
- \* Access and keep you apprised of the assignment status of your beneficiaries' Tickets
- \* Provide training, technical assistance, and consultation to support your agency's performance and compliance with all relevant SSA Ticket to Work policies
- \* At the request of the beneficiary, unassign Tickets

A NUMBER OF MINNESOTA  
AGENCIES HAVE ALREADY JOINED  
THE MIDWEST TICKET TO WORK  
PARTNERSHIP

LET US TAKE THE  
GUESSWORK OUT OF  
TICKET TO WORK FOR YOU!

- \* Autism Works, Minneapolis
- \* Connections of Moorhead
- \* Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota, St. Paul
- \* Human Development Center (HDC), Duluth
- \* Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis (JFCS), Minneapolis
- \* Kaposia, St. Paul
- \* Lifetrack Resources, Inc., St. Paul
- \* LJ&A, St. Paul
- \* Northern Opportunity Works (NOW), Grand Rapids
- \* Midwest Special Services, St. Paul
- \* MRCI WorkSource, Mankato
- \* Opportunity Partners, Minnetonka
- \* Resource, Inc., Minneapolis
- \* Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises Services (S.M.I.L.E.S.), Mankato
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