



MS Model Youth Transition Innovation

Employment for all students

From your Benefits Specialist.....

Turning 18 this year and receiving SSI?

Students who receive SSI will undergo an age 18 re-determination with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to see if they will continue to qualify for SSI benefits using adult standards. The SSA definition of disability is less stringent for children than for adults. You must comply with the age 18 re-determination process. Even if you are found to no longer qualify for SSI based on adult standards, **as a MYTI participant, SSI benefits will continue as long as you are a part of the project.** This is one of the SSA waivers for MYTI participants.

Also, if you have a disability and turn 18 this year but do not currently receive SSI due to deemed parental income, you may want to apply at your local SSA office for SSI benefits. Once you turn 18, SSA no longer considers parental income.

I will be glad to meet with you and discuss the age 18 re-determination.



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WINN-DIXIE 1357 BILOXI NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY

To All Winn Dixie Associates Store 1357,

"Each month I like to recognize an associate for Outstanding Customer Service. With this being said let me start off by saying that this individual day in day out does whatever is asked of him, no matter the difficulty or the job at hand may require. Rest assured, he always makes a point to say hello to everyone in the mornings, and always offers to do more than what is expected. Please join me in recognizing..... Joe Anderson Great Job!!!"



Mike, Store Manager

The first realization an individual must come to when exploring employment opportunities is that: "Getting a Job Is a Job." It takes preparation.

Disclosure: "To Tell or Not to Tell"

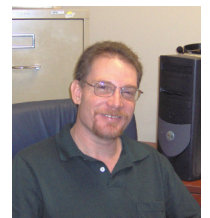
For individuals with significant and multiple disabilities, the question of what should be disclosed can be tricky! Yet, disclosures should be viewed as the avenue which will enable one to gain the support/accommodations necessary to be successful on the job. Under the ADA, employers are only required to provide accommodations for employees who are experiencing workplace problems because of a disability. Therefore, unless you let your employer know that you are experiencing difficulties on the job which relate to your disability, the employer is not obligated to consider accommodations under the ADA.

Disclosure is an individual choice. Be sure about what information you want to be known. Discuss with a professional, such as a career counselor, what information needs to be made known. Then, let the professionals who are assisting you know what information, in regards to your disability, must be kept in confidence. Be open about your disability, discuss how you want to be treated, and talk about the assistance/support that you may need.

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Reminder.....Monthly Wage Reporting for SSI

As your Benefits Specialist, I want to encourage you to report your earnings on a monthly basis. SSA offices are developing support systems to assist you with this new initiative. SSI is based on financial need, so all wages must be reported. Earnings from AbilityWorks are considered wages by SSA.

Please remember, as SSA beneficiaries, it is your responsibility to report all income to the local SSA office.

Even students must report their earnings.

I can provide counseling on available work incentives and employment supports to help you transition from benefits to employment.

MYTI is a national Social Security demonstration project designed to assist young people to become employed through transition interventions from school to work, thereby reducing reliance on public benefits.

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