



# MS Model Youth Transition Innovation

## Way to go, Graduates!



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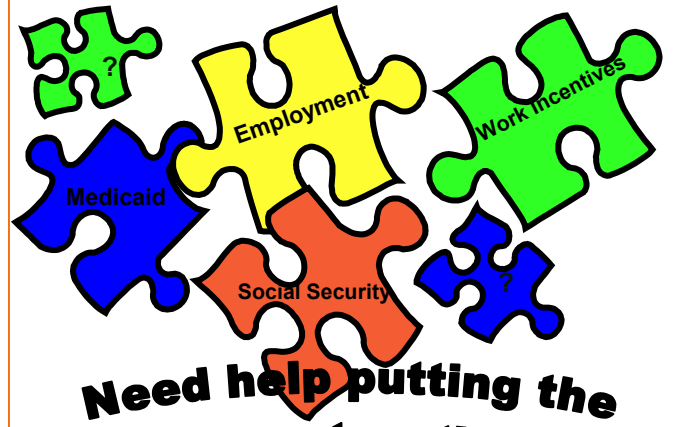
Christian Winterstein, HCCDC

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### Congratulations Class of 2007

## Employment for all students



### Need help putting the pieces together?

I can help you to understand and manage your disability related benefits..

Call me.....



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### \$ IN-KIND SUPPORT AND MAINTANANCE \$

In-kind support and maintenance is unearned income in the form of **food or shelter** that is given to an eligible individual or is received because someone else pays for it. Whether someone else pays a living expense in full or just in part, it has a bearing on the amount of **SSI cash** benefits individuals receive. Individuals (over the age of 18) who live in someone else's household and contribute no money for their food and shelter expenses are considered to be receiving full in-kind support.

According to **SSA** this is referred to as the Value of the One-Third Reduction (VTR). Individuals falling into this category will have their **SSI** cash benefit reduced by one-third of the amount of the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR). In **2007**, this translates into a reduction of **\$207.66** (for a single person living alone and **\$311.33** for a couple). This reduction comes right off the top of their monthly benefit checks. The maximum amount of SSI that can be received by individuals who have a full in-kind support reduction is **\$415.34** (**\$623.00—\$207.66**).

Many individuals that live with their parents or relatives do not fully understand why their SSI check is being reduced. Some of these individuals are paying for some or all of their living expenses, but never understood that they should report it to SSA. If you feel you fall into this category, please feel free to contact me.

## Congratulations!

Starting Jobs in the Month of June:

Amanda Seib

### IDA Updates

**8 MYTI Participants have made application with all 8 choosing Homeownership as their goal.**

**Total Individual Savings with Interest \$ 2,072**

**Total Match Savings with Interest \$ 8,289**

**Total Available for Asset Purchase \$ 10,361**

**AWESOME !!!!!!!**

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.