



# MS Model Youth Transition Innovation

## Employment for all students

**Congratulations!**  
*Starting Jobs in the Month of April:*  
**Brittney Sullivan**

### IMPAIRMENT RELATED WORK EXPENSE-IRWE

**PURPOSE:** IRWE is used to enable beneficiaries of SSI to reduce gross income and/or SSDI to reduce SGA due to out of pocket expenses that support a disability to allow a person to earn income, even if those items or services are needed for non-work activities.

#### Criteria of Allowable Expenses:

The expenses must be directly related to supporting the disability

Cost must be paid out of person's pocket and not covered by other funding sources

Expense must be paid in a month wages are earned

Expense must be reasonable

#### Features:

No time limits in using IRWEs

IRWEs do not have to be a monthly expense

IRWEs may be a one-time expense deducted all in one month or spread over several months while earning wages

#### How To Apply for IRWEs:

Submit the first month, in writing, the reason, cost, receipts and pay-stubs to SSI and/or SSDI.

**TIP:** It is easier if one month of the expense has already been spent, using the receipt as proof.

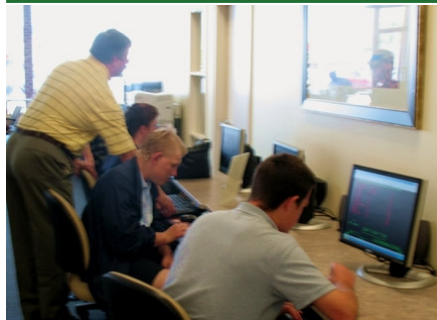
Each month that the expense is necessary, submit receipts and pay-stubs.

The SSI/SSDI claims representative will review and adjust the eligible benefit accordingly.

### How Does the SSA Know Whether Student Status Applies?

SSA verifies student status during the annual SSI redetermination process. School enrollment is documented by presenting a school record such as an ID card, tuition receipt, or other comparable evidence. If the individual does not have any evidence to present, the SSA may contact the school to verify attendance. If the SSA is aware of the student status, the Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE) generally will be applied automatically when earnings are reported. However, it is recommended that student status be clearly indicated in writing when notifying the SSA of employment. There is no special form or process needed to request the SEIE. It is recommended that you send SSA a copy of your pay stubs each month. You should keep your original pay stubs and copies of all correspondence with SSA in a file.

### Students tour Pascagoula One Stop Center



Students from Renee Carter's class at East Central High School use WIN Job Center computers to look at available job listings assisted by Brad Simons, a WIN Job Center Employment

Representative. Students eagerly asked questions.

### What a great resource for people looking for a job!

- Are you close to 18 years of age?*
- Are you graduating from High School in May 2007?*
- Will you be working this summer?*
- Would you like to save money using an IDA Account?*

**Call Me.....**

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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.