



# MS Model Youth Transition Innovation

**Employment for all students**

## From your Benefits Specialist.....

*“The hardest part of raising a child is teaching them to ride bicycles. A shaky child on a bicycle for the first time needs both support and freedom. The realization that this is what the child will always need can hit hard.”*

*Sloan Wilson*

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### Update on the Status of MYTI IDAs: 9/30/07

9 MYTI Participants have made application with all 9 choosing Homeownership as their goal. One participant who lost his job in April remains on an IDA Leave of Absence while additional job development is taking place. One participant has withdrawn from program.

1 participant has accumulated:

Personal Savings \$679.48; Match Savings \$2,717.92; Total \$3,397.40

1 participant has accumulated:

Personal Savings \$677.10; Match Savings \$2,708.40; Total \$3,385.50

1 participant has accumulated:

Personal Savings \$601.00; Match Savings \$2,404.00; Total \$3,005.00

1 participant has accumulated:

Personal Savings \$601.13; Match Savings \$2,404.52; Total \$3,005.65

1 participant has accumulated:

Personal Savings \$1,001.11; Match Savings \$4,004.44; Total \$5,005.55

1 participant has accumulated:

Personal Savings \$501.19; Match Savings \$2,004.76; Total \$2,505.95

1 participant has accumulated:

Personal Savings \$94.03; Match Savings \$376.12; Total \$470.15

**Total Individual Savings with Interest \$ 4,155.04**

**Total Match Savings with Interest \$16,620.16**

**Total Available for Asset Purchase \$20,775.20**

### So, You Receive SSI and have Medicaid...

I bet you are not employed because everyone is telling you “Don’t get a job or you’ll lose your benefits and be worse off”.

Do you think they are right?

Let’s take a look ....



#### Here are Some Facts:

You will always have more money by working than by not working when you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

There are several programs the Social Security Administration (SSA) has that may help you pay for things you need in order to work.

#### More Cool Facts ...

The BEST time to start working is when you are in school, because Social Security has a special program just for students.



#### Get this ....

You can even keep your Medicaid (FOR FREE) until you earn a very decent salary, especially if you use Medicaid a lot



And .....

#### The Facts Just Keep Getting Better ....

Because you are enrolled in the Youth Transition Demonstration, you also have access to even more opportunities



So... you can earn even MORE money while you are in this program!

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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