

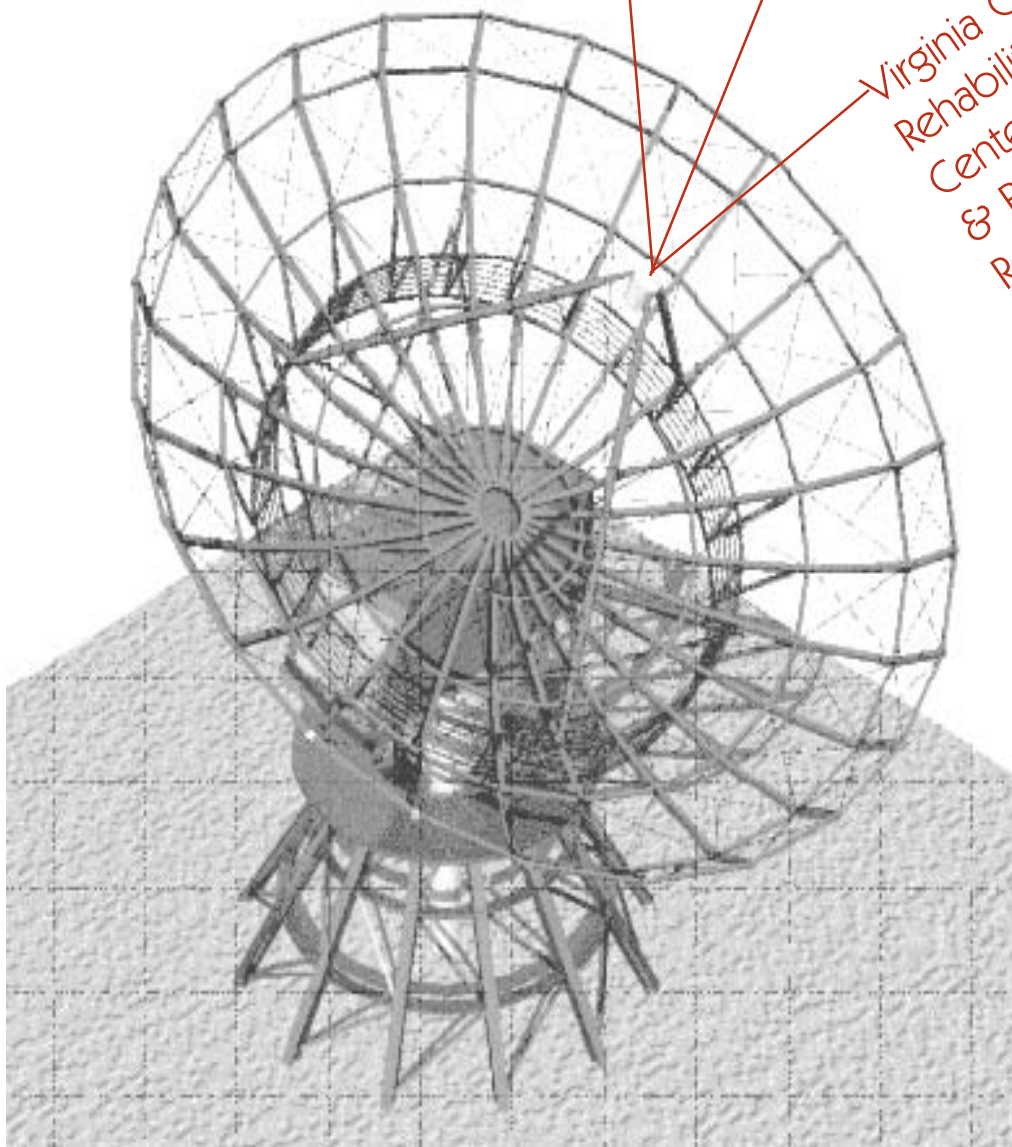
SET NET 2002

Supported Employment Telecourse NETWORK

Virginia Commonwealth University's,
Rehabilitation Research & Training
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Resource Center

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American Public Human
Services Association
Center for Workers
with Disabilities



**Three Part Advanced
Series on Social
Security Work
Incentives &
Medicaid Benefits**



SSI and Work Incentives Overview

April 24, 2002 3:00 - 5:00 est

The first half of the telecast will provide information on SSI Eligibility criteria, resources that support work goals and self-sufficiency, the effect of earned and unearned income on SSI Cash Benefits, an in-depth look at Deemed Income, and In-kind support and maintenance. The second half of the program will cover the affects of income on couples' SSI and Medicaid, information about 1619(b), and facts related to continued eligibility. The program's live format provides two ten minute participant call-in question sessions.

Participant learning objectives are to:

- Gain a review of SSI and Work Incentives;
- Determine what resources are included & excluded;
- Understand Earned and Unearned Income and how it affects SSI benefits;
- Examine Deemed Income and In-kind Support & Maintenance;
- Learn how income affects eligible couples' SSI and Medicaid;
- Obtain an understanding of 1619 (b); and
- Explore Continued Eligibility options.

Presenters:

Susan O'Mara -- Project Coordinator, Virginia Commonwealth University's, Benefits Assistance Resource Center at the Rehabilitation Research & Training Center on Workplace Supports

JoAnne Ellis -- Director of Operations, Career Support Systems

Jennifer Todd McDonough -- Technical Assistance Liaison, Virginia Commonwealth University's Benefits Assistance Resource Center at the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center for Workplace Supports.



SSDI and Work Incentives Overview

May 22, 2002 3:00 - 5:00 est

This telecast will provide an in-depth examination of the SSA work incentives available to SSDI beneficiaries. The telecast will begin with a brief review of the basic effect of earned income on SSDI and relevant work incentives. The main focus will be on advanced concepts that go beyond basic overviews provided in most training events or by SSA work incentives publications. The intended audience includes Benefits Specialists or Counselors, BPAO staff, supported employment, job placement, or vocational rehabilitation professionals who have experience with SSA disability benefits. This telecast is not recommended as an introduction to the SSDI work incentives. SSI issues will not be explored in this session.

Participant learning objectives are to:

- Define and calculate the following:
 - Trial Work Period (TWP);
 - Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE);
 - Cessation/Grace Period;
 - Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA);
 - and
 - Expedited Reinstatement (EXR).
- Locate Countable Income on SSA website for SGA purposes;
- Discuss Unsuccessful Work Attempts (UWA);
- Explore the 2002 Continuing Disability Review (CDR) provisions and
- Define the Extended Medicare Coverage.

Presenters:

Lucy Miller -- Sandy Hardy -- Terri Uttermohlen -- Technical Assistance Liaisons, Virginia Commonwealth University's Benefits Assistance Resource Center at the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Workplace Supports.



Developing Comprehensive Employment Supports Infrastructure

June 26, 2002 3:00 - 5:00 est

This telecast will offer an overview of early work incentives, the advantages of those crafted in the late 1990s, and value of collaborative relationships that work to foster employment. Discussion will focus on the importance of states having an effective infrastructure ensuring the cohesion between work incentive programs (i.e. state Medicaid Buy-In Programs for Working Individuals with Disabilities, Medicaid Infrastructure Grant recipients, and programs established under Title I of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999). Representatives from other state employment support programs will provide the steps that they have taken to build infrastructures that include employment supports programs and project offices. Examples will be given of the

benefits of collaborative working relationships to effectively support working persons with disabilities.

Participant learning objectives are to:

- Discuss work incentive provisions related to health care;
- Gain information of health care enhancements provided under TWWIIA and how they have been implemented;
- Identify strategies to develop an effective interagency employment support infrastructure;
- Discuss the benefits of comprehensive and complementary programming; and
- Explore steps that other states have taken to build relationships for successful infrastructures.

Presenters:

Mike Cheek -- Project Director, American Public Human Services Association Center for Workers with Disabilities (APHSA/CWD)
Connie Ferrell -- Owner, Integrated Services
Doug Stone -- Technical Consultant, American Public Human Services Association Center for Workers with Disabilities
Representatives from -- Oregon, Utah, and Alaska State Employment Support Program Offices

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