



## Disability Rights Connecticut

"Connecticut's protection and advocacy system"

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# PABSS

## Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security

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## Returning to work can be CONFUSING!

### Call Disability Rights CT if:

- You want to return to work but are worried about what will happen to your state and federal benefits.
- You need help understanding how and when to disclose a disability.
- You have trouble getting employment related services or supports to prepare for a job.
- You faced discrimination or need help getting accommodations from an employer.

## If you receive SSI or SSDI and want to work, find out what the PABSS Program can offer you.

- Answer questions you may have, provide referrals to alternate resources, and work to eliminate barriers and discrimination you may face when trying to return to work.
- Provide direct advocacy assistance to SSI/SSDI beneficiaries in making informed choices regarding vocational rehabilitation services, in understanding and asserting employment rights, and negotiating the rehabilitation services system.
- Collaborate with advocates, employees, direct service providers, Social Security beneficiaries and others to identify deficiencies and gaps in the system.
- Advocate for systems change on behalf of SSI/SSDI beneficiaries to better meet their vocational rehabilitation needs and enforce their rights.
- Address housing accessibility obstacles that prevent an individual from obtaining or regaining meaningful employment.
- Strategize about transportation options for seeking employment
- Provide information and referrals for individuals who were incarcerated to move toward employment.
- Assist individuals with navigating transition services from school to work or post-secondary education.
- Assist individuals to build their self-advocacy skills.
- Support individuals in the use of Assistive Technology to eliminate barriers to employment.
- Provide public education and training about PABSS and the return-to-work service system including VR, One Stops, and community-based organizations.

For information and assistance:

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