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**SHEPHERD CENTER  
BENEFITS NAVIGATOR  
WIPA PROGRAM**

*ECONOMIC  
INDEPENDENCE FOR  
PEOPLE  
WITH DISABILITIES*

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### Who Is Eligible

- Individuals with any type of disability between age 14 and Full Retirement Age who
  - Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or both and who
  - Are interested in pursuing work goals.
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### What Can A Community Work Incentive Coordinator (CWIC) Do For You?

The Community Work Incentive Coordinator will provide information to help you understand how work may affect your Social Security benefits.

This could mean simply answering a question by phone or sitting down with you to review your current benefits and explain to you how they will be affected if you go to work. It might mean developing a long-term plan with you with

regular checkpoints or meetings along the way to ensure that you have the latest and most accurate information.

If you are a person with a disability and you want to work, but you need more information about how working will change your benefits, we can help. We are Benefits Navigator, a **FREE** service supported by Shepherd Center in a cooperative agreement with the Social Security Administration.

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### Charting The Right Course

Community Work Incentive Coordinators provide information on:

- How your Social Security benefits and other State or Federal benefits would change if you were employed,
- Work incentives such as Plan to Achieve Self Support, the Trial Work Period, and Impairment Related Work Expenses, and
- Other programs and services that can help you create a plan for successful employment.

### Counties Served

Bartow, Butts, Carroll,  
Catoosa, Chattooga,  
Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb,  
Coweta, Dade, Dawson,  
DeKalb, Douglass, Fannin,  
Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth,  
Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon,  
Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson,  
Heard, Henry, Jasper,  
Lumpkin, Murray, Newton,  
Paulding, Pickens, Polk,  
Putnam, Rockdale, Spalding,  
Townsend, Union, Walker,  
White, Whitefield

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For General Information about  
how work may affect your  
benefits call - Ticket to Work

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TTY 866- 833-2967

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