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#### **Vision**

The vision of the Montana Center for Inclusive Education is creation of a fully inclusive society that values diversity.

#### **Mission**

The Montana Center for Inclusive Education serves the diverse population of Montana and provides continuing professional development opportunities for educators and direct service providers.

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## **Montana State University Billings Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Project**



**Do you currently receive  
SSI or SSDI benefits and  
want to work?**

**Do you wonder how  
returning to work would  
affect your Social  
Security benefits?**

**We can help you under-  
stand your options and  
support your decisions  
about returning to work.**

## **What is the Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA)?**

WIPA is a federally funded program by the Social Security Administration. The goal of the WIPA program is to allow beneficiaries with disabilities to make informed choices about work and to support working beneficiaries to make a successful transition to self-sufficiency.

## **Who is Eligible?**

Beneficiaries who receive Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income and are age 14 or older are eligible for free benefits planning services from a statewide trained certified Community Work Incentives Coordinator (CWIC).

## **WIPA Services are Available to People Who Are:**

- Currently working; or
- Considering work.

All inquiries and services are kept strictly confidential.

## **We Can Help You Understand How Work Affects a Variety of Benefits like:**

- Medicaid
- Medicare Part A, B & D
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Snap Benefits
- Housing Subsidies
- Workers Compensation
- Unemployment Insurance
- Veteran Benefits
- Individual Development Accounts

## **How can a Community Work Incentive Coordinator (CWIC) help you?**

Each WIPA program has a CWIC who:

- Provides effective work incentives planning and assistance services to Social Security beneficiaries.
- Promotes and supports employment outcomes for Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities.
- Partners with community agencies and conducts community outreach.
- Understands Social Security Disability benefits programs as well as other federal/state/local programs for which beneficiaries might be eligible.
- Provides healthcare planning and counseling.