

## LEARNING TOOLS

Free online courses for professionals & families to help youth with disabilities transition from high school to work:

**Transition 101:** What We All Need to Know About Transition for Students with Significant Disabilities

**Transition 102:** Important Predictors for Success

**Transition 103:** Preparing High School Students with Disabilities for Successful Transition to Employment

**Benefits 101:** A Guided Study of Your Own Situation

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

We bring together all community partners—employers, school personnel, families, and community members, and we listen to their needs and concerns. Through a deliberative conversation, we harvest ideas and solutions based on the community strengths and partnerships to address these concerns. We also provide a report highlighting these actionable ideas, and you can find reports of past conversations on KentuckyWorks.org. We host at least 4 community conversations each year.

**THE TRUTH ABOUT WORKING WHILE RECEIVING SSI IN 2020**

**SSI Provides...**  
Supplemental Income in an amount up to \$783 per month for a single person (\$1,175 for a married couple) and health insurance through Medicaid.

**You can work and earn money while receiving SSI!**  
The first \$85 you earn each month does not change your SSI benefit. After that you get to keep:

fifty cents of your SSI for every one dollar earned

If you only income is from SSI and your job, when your paycheck reaches \$1,651 per month, your SSI cash benefit will stop. But you will still receive Medicaid until your income reaches Kentucky's threshold amount.  
**Kentucky's current threshold income is \$30,818 per year!**

If you earn enough money from your job to stop your SSI payment, the amount you earn at your job will not be counted when calculating any required Medicaid share of cost payment

**IF SSI IS YOUR ONLY CASH BENEFIT, YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE MORE MONEY TO SPEND BY WORKING!**

For more information visit:  
[www.kentuckyworks.org](http://www.kentuckyworks.org)

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## RESOURCES

Look on the website for resources and learning tools like:

- *Multiple infographics about common employment issues*
- *Powerpoint presentations with employment stories*
- *Learning modules about transition and benefits*

KentuckyWorks also creates training programs, like our family engagement curriculum to raise expectations about employment and to build work skills.

## KENTUCKYWORKS.ORG

A comprehensive website featuring the best employment resources in Kentucky and the nation, and includes:

- A customized survey to find the resources you need
- Captivating photos and text reader
- Videos and work stories
- A blog about a family's journey to employment and independence
- Desktop or phone compatibility

