

# WIIN

## WORK INCENTIVE INFORMATION NETWORK



**The Work Incentive Information Network (WIIN)** is committed to ensure that individuals with disabilities and their families have the information, services and supports they need to make decisions about employment and make the transition from dependence on public benefits to financial self-sufficiency.

### **WIIN and the network members work together to:**

- Provide training and technical assistance on the use and incorporation of the Arizona Disability Benefits 101 (DB101) online tool and the development of new tools and resources <http://az.db101.org/>
- Develop and shares best practices that promote and support employment
- Collect of outcome data including the employment outcomes, customer satisfaction, attitudinal change, cost savings to organizations and public benefit programs
- Develop a sustainable network of service professionals and community partners to aid an already strained system

### **Individuals with disabilities and their families will benefit from the work of the WIIN and the network partners in the following ways:**

- Consistent and accurate information and access to resources across service systems to support informed decision making about employment and the transition to self-sufficiency
- The opportunity to enhance their quality of life through increased independence (community integration and financial self-sufficiency through employment) and decrease dependence (community segregation and financial dependence on public benefits)

### **The general community will benefit from the work of the WIIN and the network partners in the following ways:**

- Individuals with disabilities will increase their participation in the workforce lending their talents and skills to meet workforce needs
- Individuals with disabilities will become taxpayers and lessen their dependence on and use of public benefits (financial and health)

**Network partner will benefit in the areas of quality customer service, efficiency in service provision and professional development. As a result, network partner will:**

- Provide efficient and effective services due to access to current information about work incentives, tools to support individuals in making informed decisions about working and a streamlined referral process in order to provide the most appropriate support
- Participate in statewide collaborative activities aimed at establishing partnerships to share and replicate emerging and best practices
- Organizations will benefit in the areas of needs assessment, maximization of resources, capacity building and service delivery outcomes.
- Increased awareness and understanding of the employment support needs of individuals served that support the organization's goals and missions
- Identification of work incentive education billable services to individuals served
- Increase the number and quality of employment service delivery outcomes including individuals employed

**AZ Disability Benefits 101** (AZ DB101) gives people receiving social security benefits tools and information on employment, health coverage, and benefits. You can plan ahead and learn how work and benefits go together. <http://www.az.db101.org>

- Use AZ DB101 to make informed decisions about going to work.
- Answer your questions about benefits and work - What will happen to your income, benefits, and health coverage if you go to work? You can use the Benefits and Work Calculator to find out how a job may affect your total income and your health coverage.
- Plan your transition from benefits to employment for people aged 18-64 using public disability benefits.

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