



# Michigan Updates

*A Social Security Newsletter for Employment  
Support Updates*



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## World Autism Awareness

If your child has a developmental disorder, such as a severe form of autism, he or she may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. SSI is a needs based program that pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources.

[www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf)





*Good Jobs, Good Careers and  
a Better Self-Supporting Future*

### **Are You A Social Security Beneficiary? Learn about Ticket to Work!**

The Ticket to Work Program can help Social Security beneficiaries go to work, get a good job that may lead to a career, save more money, and become financially independent, all while they keep their health coverage. Ticket to Work is a free and voluntary program that gives beneficiaries real choices that can help them create and lead better lives. Individuals who receive Social Security benefits because of a disability probably already qualify for the program.

[www.socialsecurity.gov/work](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work)

### **Work Incentive Seminar Event Information**

Title: 4/23/14: Working for Yourself with Ticket to Work  
Date: 04/23/2014  
Time: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Eastern  
Contact: Ticket to Work Call Center  
Email: [support@chooseworkttw.net](mailto:support@chooseworkttw.net)  
Phone: 1-866-968-7842  
TTY: 1-866-833-2967

WISE webinars are online events held for beneficiaries to learn about the Ticket to Work Program and available Work Incentives through accessible learning opportunities. WISE webinars are hosted on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Register below!

[www.chooseworkttw.net/wise/jsp/wise.jsp](http://www.chooseworkttw.net/wise/jsp/wise.jsp)



## **Completing Disability Applications is Easier**



Have you heard about the latest marriage? To make it even easier and more convenient for people to apply online for disability benefits, we have joined the Social Security disability benefits application and the adult disability report in electronic matrimony. It used to be that you had to complete two documents, both an online benefit application and an online adult disability report. The new streamlined process puts it all in one place, so all you need to complete is the one application.

Note that the disability application is for Social Security disability benefits only. We do not have an online application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Learn more about applying for SSI benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/ssi.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/ssi.htm).

Say “yes” to the new streamlined disability application at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability).

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## **WHAT IS SOAR?**

The SSI/SSDI application process is complicated and difficult to navigate, particularly for people who are homeless or who are returning to the community from institutions (jails, prisons or hospitals). For those who have a mental illness, substance use issues, or co-occurring disorders that impair cognition, the application process poses an even greater challenge...



***...yet accessing these income and health care benefits is often a critical first step on the road to recovery***

**SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)** is a national project funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that is designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. Using a 3-pronged approach of Strategic Planning, Training, and Technical Assistance (TA), the SOAR TA Center coordinates this effort at the state and community level.

**Go to [www.prainc.com/soar/](http://www.prainc.com/soar/) to learn more.**

# Got a burning question? Just ask!

## [www.socialsecurity.gov/ask](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ask)

Is there a time limit on how long I can get Social Security disability benefits?

Your disability benefits will continue as long as you continue to meet the requirements (e.g., your medical condition has not improved). Read the full answer at <https://faq.ssa.gov/ics/support/KBAnswer.asp?questionID=2097>



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### *Future Michigan Updates*

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