

# GIVE EMPLOYMENT A CHANCE...

...use your Trial Work Period.

## TEST YOUR ABILITY TO WORK WITHOUT RISKING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE (SSDI) PAYMENT

### THE TRIAL WORK PERIOD IS...

...nine months, not necessarily in a row, during a sixty month (five-year) rolling period when you can test your ability to work at your fullest potential and continue to receive your full SSDI payment no matter how much money you earn at a job.

### A TRIAL WORK MONTH IS COUNTED...

...any month you earn \$940 or more before taxes at your job. This is the amount for 2021. Prior to 2021 the amount was less. After 2021 the amount will likely be a little more. The important thing to remember is that you are learning about your ability to earn money.



### WEIGHING YOUR OPTIONS

As you move through your Trial Work Period you have some very important decisions to make. You may find that you love work and can make enough money to change your life, even without SSDI. You may find that you are just not physically able to work. Or, you may find that you are somewhere in the middle. In either case, you need to monitor your income very carefully as you approach substantial gainful activity (\$1,310 per month/\$2,190 if blind in 2021) or Social Security may make your decision for you.



### YOU DESERVE EXPERT ASSISTANCE...

...and it is available to you free of charge. Contact your WIPA program. West of Lexington - Center for Accessible Living - 844-689-6620. Lexington and East - Goodwill Industries - 866-336-3316.



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