

Independence

EMPLOYMENT MIND SHIFT:

*Thinking about
benefits differently*



Why It's > Important

Many families have been counseled to apply for **SSI (Social Security Income)** and **SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance)** benefits. While these benefits can be helpful in building cash flow to offset some of the expenses incurred by a young adult with a disability, they may not be necessary if there were a better way to accomplish the same/similar desired outcomes!

Plan to Achieve Self Support ("PASS")

**A PASS is a written plan of action
for getting a particular kind of
job or starting a business**

Who Can Have a PASS:



Someone eligible for SSI based on disability if not for one's income and/or assets.



Anyone already eligible for SSI who has income that reduces the amount of SSI to be received



Anyone wanting to reduce or eliminate benefits you receive from SSI, Social Security, or both.



Identified job or business



Steps you will take and the things you will need in order to achieve your work goal (e.g. *education or training, transportation, child care, or assistive technology*).



The money you will use to pay for these things



A timetable for achieving your goal.

Using a PASS to reach your
employment goal ultimately will help
you live more independently!



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