WHAT IS NYESS?
The New York State Employment Services System (NYESS) provides individuals with a single point to access all employment related services and supports. Through the One Stop Operating System (OSOS) individuals are connected to employment opportunities in the NYS Job Bank. Some of the many benefits of NYESS include:
- Improving employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities;
- Centralizing employment service/support information;
- Improving coordination of employment supports;
- Identifying and matching individual job seekers’ skills sought by employers;
- Generating Ticket to Work documentation; and
- Providing employment related performance reports.

WHAT CAN WE BE DOING?
Have individuals sign the TTW Brochure
Create/amend an IWP
Complete the TTW tab
Focus on individuals who are currently, or anticipate to be, earning above TWL/SGA
Generate a letter to individuals describing TTW and ask them to make contact with the local WIB office
Organize an event which includes local agencies who can provide direct support to individuals around resume building, job searching, benefits advisement, etc.
Send a second letter to individuals informing them of the above event
Develop Integrated Resource Teams—made up of Labor staff and other community agency staff—to ensure you have adequate resources to refer individual’s for services

PARTNERSHIP PLUS
Under this agreement, an individual who holds a ticket may receive vocational rehabilitation (VR) services through the following agencies:
- NYS Commission for the Blind (NYSCB)
- Adult Career and Continuing Education Services (ACCES-VR)
Assignment of an individual’s ticket to the RFMH AEN upon closure from the above agencies will enable the individual to receive ongoing services and support through community providers. After VR closes the individual’s case and twelve months of the individual earning over SGA, you will begin receiving payments.
WORK INCENTIVES

Ticket to Work is one of the many Work Incentives available to you. Assigning your Ticket to an EN provides eligibility for several other work incentives:

TRIAL WORK PERIOD (TWP)

TWP allows you to test your ability to work for at least nine months. During TWP, you will receive full SSDI benefits no matter your earnings as long as your work activity is reported and you have a disability.

EXPEDITED REINSTATEMENT (EXR)

If your benefits stopped because of your earning level, you can request to have your benefits reinstated without having to complete a new application.

PROTECTION FROM MEDICAL CONTINUING DISABILITY REVIEWS (CDR)

If you assign your Ticket to an approved EN before you receive notice of a medical CDR, you will not have to undergo the review while you are participating in the TTW program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
NYESS Unit – 518.473.6579

TICKET TO WORK

The Ticket to Work and Self Sufficiency (Ticket) program was created in 1999 to provide Social Security disability beneficiaries the choices, opportunities and support needed to become and stay employed, increase their earnings, and eventually leave and remain off benefits by becoming fully self-supportive. Through the Ticket to Work program, you can receive free support services to help you prepare for, find or maintain employment.

TRIAL WORK PERIOD
An individual must be earning over $840 a month

SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY (SGA)
An individual must be earning over $1,170 or $1,950 for individuals who are blind.

WHO QUALIFIES?
Adults 18 through 64 who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

WHEN DOES AN INDIVIDUAL SIGN THE TTW BROCHURE?
Once the individual feels they are ready to begin working, the TTW brochure should be signed.

IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS EARNING OVER SGA WHEN DO PAYMENTS START?
6-9 months after the start of employment, due to a lag in the availability of electronic wage data.

CAN WE SPLIT PAYMENTS WITH A PROVIDER?
Yes, payments will be split based off of countable activities/services entered into NYESS.