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Beneficiaries of SOCIAL Security

> Assisting Social Security Beneficiaries with Return To Work Issues

#### ALABAMA DISABILITIES



ADVOCACY PROGRAM

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#### What is ADAP?

The Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) is part of the nationwide federally mandated protection and advocacy (P&A) system.

ADAP's mission is to provide quality, legallybased advocacy services to Alabamians with disabilities in order to protect, promote and expand their rights.

ADAP's vision is one of a society where persons with disabilities are valued and exercise self-determination through meaningful choices, and have equality of opportunity.

ADAP provides information and referral services, individual case advocacy and outreach & training opportunities to benefit persons with disabilities.

### Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security

The PABSS program is a federally-funded initiative to assist beneficiaries of Social Security who are trying to return to work or begin working. PABSS advocates and attorneys may be able to assist in advocacy or provide legal assistance with employment issues. Issues may include accessing needed services, supports and accommodations, as well as referrals to other programs or service providers.

There is no cost for PABSS services.

### What Services Does the PABSS Program Provide?

If you are eligible for the PABSS program, ADAP can:

• Provide assistance if you encounter problems obtaining needed employment services and supports.

• Advocate on your behalf to resolve any conflicts you may have with service providers or employers as you strive to return to work.

• Provide information about the programs, services and supports available to assist you in returning to work.

• Provide information about work incentives that may be helpful in your efforts to obtain meaningful employment.

• Refer you to professionals who can explain how returning to work will affect your benefits and help you plan for the future.

• Advocate to help resolve overpayment issues with the Social Security Administration.

## Who Is Eligible for PABSS Services?

You are eligible for services if:

• You are an Alabama resident with a disability and you are receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI), Medicaid or Medicare, and

• You need information about how returning to work will affect your benefits, or

• You are having difficulty obtaining vocational rehabilitation, employment-related or support services you need while seeking to secure or regain employment, including issues of reasonable accommodations you may be experiencing with your employer.

# **ADAP Information Mail Request**

Please add my name to your mailing list.

 I need information on disability rights or on a specific problem area. (Please specify below.)

Name
Address
City
State
Zip
Phone ()
e-mail
Information Requested:

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