

Opportunity Partners named *Ticket to Work* provider

Opportunity Partners has been designated a Ticket to Work Employment Network, providing career services for people with disabilities.

According to www.yourtickettowork.com, the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program is an employment program for people with disabilities who are interested in going to work. The Ticket Program is part of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 – legislation designed to remove many of the barriers that previously influenced people’s decisions about going to work because of the concerns over losing health care coverage.

The goal of the program is to increase opportunities and choices for Social Security disability beneficiaries to obtain employment, vocational rehabilitation (VR), and other support services from public and private providers, employers, and other organizations.

Under the program, the Social Security Administration provides disability beneficiaries with a ticket they may use with organizations called Employment Networks (ENs) to obtain career services to help them find and retain jobs in the community.



As a Ticket to Work Employment Network, Opportunity Partners can assist Ticket To Work participants with the following:

- Career consulting (resume writing, interviewing skills)
- Career strategies (skills assessment and development job coaching)
- Job accommodations
- Job placement/employment services (job search, placement assistance)
- Post-employment support (employment retention services)

For more information, go to www.yourtickettowork.com or email dmeyers@opportunities.org or rgrimes@opportunities.org.