

*Ticket to Work Will
Expand Employment and
Advocacy Opportunities*

**ADDITIONAL CONTACT
INFORMATION ON THE
TICKET PROGRAM**

To contact NDALC regarding the Ticket Program, please call either office listed on the back of this brochure.

- ▶ The Social Security Administration maintains a website on the Ticket Program and the Act at <http://www.ssa.gov/work>
- ▶ The Department of Human Resources maintains a website on the Medicaid Buy-In Program at <http://dhcfp.state.nv.us/tickettowork.htm>
- ▶ For information on the Benefits Planning Assistance and Outreach Program, contact the Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living at 702/ 649-3822 or 1-800/ 398-0760 (toll free)

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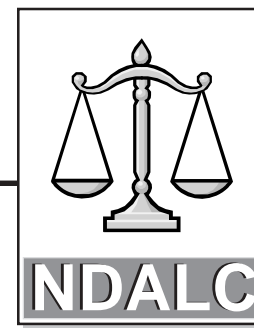
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**PROTECTION & ADVOCACY
FOR BENEFICIARIES OF
SOCIAL SECURITY**

(PABSS)



A Program of

**Nevada Disability
Advocacy and Law Center
(NDALC)**

*Nevada's Protection and Advocacy System
for Individuals with Disabilities*

TICKET TO WORK AND WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT

A federal law, enacted on December 17, 1999, called the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) creates expanded employment options for individuals with disabilities who receive Social Security benefits. The purpose of the law is to:

- ▶ Increase Social Security Administration (SSA) beneficiary choice in obtaining employment services, vocational rehabilitation services, and other support services;
- ▶ Remove barriers that require people with disabilities to choose between health care coverage and work;
- ▶ Assure that more Americans with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in the workforce and lessen their dependence on public benefits; and
- ▶ Expand Medicare eligibility and allow states to expand Medicaid eligibility for individuals with disabilities that return to work.

PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) will advocate on behalf of individuals who receive Social Security disability benefits, for the removal of any barriers preventing them from returning to work, including:

- ▶ Investigate and review any complaint of improper or inadequate services provided to a beneficiary with a disability by a service provider, employer, or other entity involved in the beneficiary's return to work effort.
- ▶ Provide consultation to and legal representation on behalf of beneficiaries with disabilities when such services become necessary to protect the rights of such beneficiaries. To the extent possible, alternative dispute resolution procedures will be used.
- ▶ Provide information and referral to Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities about work incentives and employment, including information on the types of services and assistance that may be available to assist them in securing or regaining gainful employment, particularly services and assistance available through employment networks under the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program.
- ▶ Provide information and technical assistance on work incentives to individuals, attorneys, governmental agencies, employment networks and other service providers, and advocacy organizations.
- ▶ Advocate to identify and correct deficiencies in entities providing vocational rehabilitation services, employment services, and other support services to beneficiaries with disabilities, including reporting to the program manager on identified deficiencies related to employment networks and other concerns related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency program.

NDALC

The Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) is a private, nonprofit organization and serves as Nevada's federally mandated protection and advocacy system for the human, legal, and service rights of individuals with disabilities. NDALC was designated as Nevada's protection and advocacy system by the Governor in March, 1995 and is funded by Federal grants and charitable, tax deductible contributions of private citizens.

Services provided by NDALC include information and referral; education and training; negotiation or mediation; investigation of reported or suspected abuse or neglect; legal counsel, technical assistance, and litigation services; and technical assistance about policy, administration, and legislative developments.

NDALC has offices in Reno/Sparks and Las Vegas with services provided statewide. All services are offered at no cost to eligible individuals in accordance with NDALC's available resources and service priorities.

NDALC'S MISSION

- ▶ Protect and advocate for the human and legal rights, interests, and welfare of Nevadans with disabilities.
- ▶ Promote, support, and assist Nevadans with disabilities in understanding and controlling those systems and processes which directly affect their lives.
- ▶ Foster the development, availability, and accessibility of services which increase the opportunities available to Nevadans with disabilities to live their lives as fully, independently, and productively as possible.