

Disability Benefits: An Overview



Your Benefits And

Earning

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Covering the Basics!

How to Ask Questions?

What Next?





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Information about Benefits

Some of it is right

Some of it is wrong





Because earning money is almost always a good idea, it is the only way to build assets, and it contributes to good health and selfesteem.

Code Word: Employment

What are the Facts?

- Public cash benefits only pay for food, clothing, shelter
- Public medical benefits are better than no medical benefits
- People who earn money
 - Feel like they have a purpose and value
 - Make new friends
 - Feel like they are contributing
- Earning money is the means to the life you want

More Money. More Options. More Independence.

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Code Word: Employment



Jarrod

Code Word: Planning

"There is more than one path to the top of the mountain! - Miyamoto Musashi"



When you earn money, and you have a plan, you will know what to do when unexpected things happen.



Code Word: Planning

"The road to success is always under construction."

Lily Tomlin

OOPS! You have an overpayment!!! How do I fix this?



Code Word: Worry

People who have disabilities can and do work.

- The interaction of benefits and earning money is complicated **BUT**
 - Many helpful resources

Disability Benefits 101

working with a disability in California

Regional Center of the East Bay



Employment, Independence & Equality

HIRE ABLE



Department of Developmental

Services

Ways of continuing healthcare coverage

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Code Word: Assistance

HireAble has user-friendly information for job seekers about:

- A variety of services that can help with complex systems
- Paid Internships that can lead to employment
- Success Stories of workers in the East Bay
- How to get the help you need to plan for earning money

www.HireAble.org



Code Word: Facts

Truth: Your disability benefits And your income from working, work together.





Code Word: YES!



Next Steps:

- Let someone know you are interested in earning money
- Get some basic information that will help
- Request help building an individual benefits plan

Code Word: Questions?

Today: We have time for a few questions. After Today: dcurtright@hireable.org

Code Word: Thank You

If you can dream it, you can do it.

- Walt Disney



