

What are Benefits? Did You Know You Can Work and Receive Benefits?

Benefits refer to government public assistance programs provided to people and families in the form of cash or vouchers based on disability or financial need.

WHAT IS BENEFITS PLANNING?

Benefits Planning is a service that helps people understand how employment and other life decisions will impact their benefits.

Benefits Planners develop a personalized plan to help you reach your employment goals and build self-sufficiency!



[Benefits Planning](#)



It's never too late or too early to partner with a Benefits Planner! Scan the QR Code or click the link to learn more!

A certified Benefits Planner can help you build your income while getting what you need from public assistance programs. As you enter the workforce and build your career, your benefits and income can work together in a way that is meaningful to your employment journey.

Health Insurance

This includes programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.



Supplemental Security Income (SSI) & Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

Two programs that provide cash benefits based on disability.

Housing

The Public Housing Authority program helps people afford safe, sanitary, private housing.



Colorado Low-Income Energy Assistance (LEAP)

Helps Coloradans pay a portion of their home heating costs.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Food-purchasing assistance for low- and no-income people.



Aid to the Needy and Disabled (AND)

Provides cash assistance to eligible Coloradans.

Examples of Government Benefits Programs

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Helping families in need achieve self-sufficiency.



Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

Long-term, Medicaid-funded services that support people to thrive in their own home and community.

How Do I Connect to Benefits Counseling?

Ways to find and pay for Benefits Counseling

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

DVR can pay for benefits planning for eligible career seekers. To receive benefits planning through DVR, complete DVR Interest and Referral Form by following the link or QR Code.

720-697-4794



[DVR](#)



[Health First](#)

Health First Colorado

Benefits Planning may be covered for members receiving supports through the Developmental Disabilities (DD) or Supported Living Services (SLS) Medicaid Waivers. For general questions contact

[**HCPF_Supported.Employment@state.co.us**](mailto:HCPF_Supported.Employment@state.co.us)

To access Benefits Planning services through the DD or SLS Waivers, contact your Waiver Case Manager.

Work Incentives Planning & Assistance (WIPA)

WIPAs provide free benefits planning for people receiving SSI or SSDI benefits.

866-968-7842/866-833-2967 (TTY)



[WIPA](#)



[TTW](#)

Ticket to Work

Ticket to Work (TTW) is for people receiving SSI or SSDI and who want to work full time.

For more information and to connect to benefits planning through TTW visit

[**tinyurl.com/TickettoWorkFindHelp**](http://tinyurl.com/TickettoWorkFindHelp)

Colorado Disability Benefits 101 (DB101)

Colorado DB101 is a website offering information about employment, health coverage options, and disability benefits.

720-315-2278



[DB101](#)

