



BENEFIT U:

BENEFITS PLANNING AND RESOURCE SERVICES

BenefitU is a new benefit planning service that is available to people aged 14+ and receiving DDA benefits that is currently being rolled out across Washington State.

Whether you need to understand the basics or support with specific goal, BenefitU is here to help you plan for the future.

BenefitU services include:

- Benefits planning services
- Addressing questions/concerns related to disability related benefits
- Clarifying impacts of employment and earnings on disability related cash and medical benefits
- Reviewing benefits and what they offer a beneficiary
- Assisting people to plan for future
- Online videos, tools, and other resources that can help people understand their disability related benefits

BenefitU is phasing in services throughout Washington State. To see if BenefitU is currently offering services in your community, please visit www.benefitu.org/service-eligibility/

DID YOU KNOW:

THERE ARE WAYS
TO SAVE BEYOND
SSA RESOURCE
THRESHOLDS

WORKING
STUDENTS MAY BE
ELIGIBLE FOR WORK
INCENTIVES

NOT REPORTING
EARNINGS IS ONE
OF THE MOST
COMMON CAUSES
OF OVERPAYMENTS

IT IS POSSIBLE TO
WORK AND
MAINTAIN SSA
BENEFITS

QUESTIONS?

support@benefitu.org

RESOURCES:

www.benefitu.org



DISABILITY BENEFITS QUICKFACTS

Myth: If you work more than 20 hours a week you will lose your disability related benefits

Fact: How work impacts benefits depends on the type of benefits people receive, and a variety of other factors. In general, individuals will have more money, plan for whether or how they want to move away from reliance on cash benefits and retain their medical benefits when they work.

Myth: If you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits you cannot save more than \$2000

Fact: There are a variety of ways individuals on SSI, as well as those who are on Medicaid, can save and retain these benefits. Examples include [ABLE accounts](#), [Special Needs Trusts](#), and work incentives such as [IRWE's](#).

Myth: Disability related benefits are too complex to learn.

Fact: Although disability related benefits can be complex and at times confusing, there are a tools and resources available to help make sense of things. With the right tools and information, you can start understanding your benefits, possible impactors, and planning for the future.

Ready to start learning? www.benefitu.org and this [social security overview](#) are a great places to start.

Learn how you can earn and save money! You can access a variety of trainings and handouts at benefitu.org, and also request benefits planning services by scheduling an intake appointment with our call center at www.benefitu.org/service-eligibility/