Benefits
Information at Your Fingertips
What is Benefit U?

- A WA State Crafted Service
- Built and offered with Credentialed Benefits Planners
- Provided by Wise and funded by DDA
- A library of information, tools, and resources at Benefitu.org
- Individualized Benefits Planning Services
Why Learn More About Your Benefits?
When You Need a Helping Hand...

Living Life to the Fullest
• New Job or a Raise
• Saving
• Understanding and Maximizing Benefits
• Marriage and Children

Addressing Fears
• Loss of Job
• Loss of Benefits
• Overpayments
• Reductions Due to Household Situation
Who is Eligible for Benefit Planning Services

- Washington State resident
- Aged 14 and older
- Currently eligible for services through DDA – includes ‘no paid services’
How To Request Benefit Planning Services

• Schedule an intake through at https://www.benefitu.org/benefits-information-for-individuals-and-families/. No referral is necessary.

• Go to the Service Eligibility page, click on “schedule an intake”. Users will be directed to a calendar where they can select a day and time for an initial intake meeting.

• A full step-by-step video walkthrough can be found here.
How We Grow

- Increasing the efficiency and effectiveness to serve more people:
  - Electronic information sharing—Building out a securing avenue and electronic data sharing agreements
  - Getting designated points of contact to get information from state and federal agencies

- Getting others to dispel myths and address basic benefits issues:
  - Parent and individual advocates
  - State Agency staff in local offices

- Getting legal minds trained up to help:
  - Addressing overpayments
  - Appealing denials of benefits
  - Setting up trusts

- Enhancing the website to allow for:
  - Individualized calculation of impact of income (or goals for income) and other changes on verified benefits
  - Greater language access using translation tools
  - Content filtered based on an individual’s specific situation
The Website: We Share What We Know

www.benefitu.org

Overview of Social Security, including SSI and SSDI Benefit Information and Videos

Medicaid, Medicare, and Healthcare for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) Resources

Explanations of Work Incentives – PASS, IRWE, Student Earned Income Exclusions, etc.

ABLE and DD Endowment Trust Fund

Access to Individualized Benefit Planning
Please Feel Free to Reach Out!

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