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In Collaboration with:
- California Department of Rehabilitation
- California Employment Development Department
- Interwork Institute at SDSU
- California Disability Employment Initiative
- World Institute on Disability

Slide 3- Disability Benefits 101
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Slide 4- Webinar Accessibility
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Slide 5- Objectives
- DB101 Information Services
• Using the DB101 Benefits and Work Calculator
• Benefits of applying Calculator sessions into everyday business practice
• Locate the DB101 Benefits and Work Calculator
• DB101 training tools
• Benefits planning tools, tips and resources

Slide 6- DB101 Information Services
• Resource designed for Californians with disabilities, families, care givers and service providers
• DB101 is free, private and using it will not affect a client's benefits
• The benefits planning tools on DB101 can assist your clients to make informed decisions about work and benefits
• Predict how a job will affect a client’s total income and health coverage using the Benefits and Work Calculator

Slide 7- Using the Benefits and Work Calculator
• Reduce fear, address myths and answer common questions about benefits and work
• Clients can visualize their options
• Use anytime during the employment planning process
• Calculator lets you compare jobs
• Encourage and support the client to start and save a calculator session for later review
• Links to DB101 content areas and resources

Slide 8- Benefits of Applying Calculator Sessions into Everyday Business Practices
• Saves time
• Easy to use learning and teaching tools for client understanding of the rules
• Client understands benefit outcomes before job starts
• Builds client self-assurance and motivation when they begin to envision their own future
• Elevates, promotes and provides a more uniform script for the service provider and across service providers
Adaptable to individual situations
Slide 9- Getting Started
To begin using the Calculator:

- On **www.db101.org**, choose **California** to go to the home page
- Click the **Calculators** tab in the menu
- On the Calculators page, find the **Benefits and Work Calculator** and click the **Go** link
- On the Benefits and Work Calculator page, click the **Start** button

Slide 10- DB101 Training Tools

- DB101 Benefits and Work Calculator Webinars
- DB101 Benefits and Work Saved Sessions
  - Maria, 33, SSI only, teacher’s aide
    - Username/Password: maria2013
  - Alice, 50, SSDI only, college instructor
    - Username/Password: alice2013
  - Frank, 38, on SSDI and SSI, part time job at Target
    - Username/Password: frank2013

Slide 11- DB101 Training Tools

- More DB101 webinars:
  - Introduction to CA DB101
  - School and Work
  - Medi-Cal for the Working Disabled
- Other DB101 content to explore:
  - Advanced User Version of Benefits and Work Calculator
  - School and Work Calculator
  - Medi-Cal for the Working Disabled Calculator
  - Young People and Benefits

Slide 12- Benefits Planning Tools & Tips

- Social Security’s Benefits Planning Query (BPQY)
  - Know what benefits the client receives now
  - See CA DB101 Home page insert: “**What benefits am I on now?**”
- The Work and Benefits Binder
  - The client 3 ring binder/notebook
  - Log of phone calls, office visits, and names of service staff contacted/business conducted
- Portable file for original paycheck stubs, government letters and fact sheets

Slide 13- Benefits Planning Tools & Tips
- Reporting Requirements: Who is responsible, when?
  - If there is a representative payee, the payee is responsible to report monthly changes to Social Security by the 10th of the next month
  - If not, it’s on the disability beneficiary
  - Reporting income and other life changes that can affect benefits is required
- Know about appeal rights
  - A Notice of Action explains them

These tools, rules and skills can result in timely and improved customer service with benefit programs.

Slide 14- Employment Support Resources
- Social Security Area Work Incentives Coordinators (AWIC)
  www.ssa.gov/sf/awic.htm
- Disability Rights California
  www.disabilityrightsca.org
- HICAP/California Health Advocates
  www.cahealthadvocates.org
- Medi-Cal County offices and application
  www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/
- Social Security PASS Cadres
  www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/passcadre.htm
- The Ticket to Work Program
  www.yourtickettowork.com

Slide 15- Certified Rehabilitation Counseling (CRC) Credits
- CRC Credits are available for this webinar
- To receive CRC credits please complete a short quiz and survey
- The link to the CRC quiz is located with the corresponding DB101 webinar recording
- Upon successful completion of quiz and survey, your CRC Certificate will be sent to you via email
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