

Introduction to the Benefits and Work Calculator Disability Benefits 101 Information Services

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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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