

School and Work Calculator: Disability Benefits 101 Information Services

Slide 1- Disability Benefits 101

School and Work Calculator:

SSI scenario "Zoe"

CDB and SSI scenario "Bill"

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Slide 5- Objectives

- Using the School and Work Calculator
- Locate the DB101 School and Work Calculator
- Navigate the Calculator screens to the results section

- Understand the Calculator features and result sections
- Benefits for young clients and families
- Resources and training tools for completing Calculator sessions

Slide 6- Benefits Planning as it Relates to Transition Planning

- Accessing benefits can be a bridge to greater independence
- Accessing benefits does not necessarily mean a lifetime of poverty
- Can lead youth to think about working, becoming a tax payer and consumer of products and services
- Once benefits are accessed, learn the work incentives

Slide 7- Using the School and Work Calculator

- Designed for young people with disabilities who have limited work experience
- Reduce fear, address myths and answer common questions about benefits, school and work
- Provides you with user-friendly tools and resources to serve clients and families at the right time (at time of job offer)
- Step-by-step, easy to use
- Compare jobs
- Links to resources

Slide 8- 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 **School Work Calculator** and click the **Go** link
- On the School and Work Calculator page, click the **Start** button

Slide 9- Benefits for Young Clients and Family

- If your client and their family has limited knowledge, the Calculator is a safe way to start learning about programs and rules
- Shows impact of Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE) on SSI benefit amount and provides solid financial estimates for young people

- Under SEIE up to \$6,960 earned income can be excluded annually (\$1,730/month) when SSA determines monthly SSI amount
- SEIE applies when working and in school (can use in summer if going back to school in the Fall)
- Youth are always better off because of employment

Slide 10- Benefits for Young Clients and Family

- Building for the future:
 - Work experience
 - Asset building
 - The sooner youth start working the sooner they earn their own credits toward Social Security
 - It won't take long for them to be eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicare
 - And of course retirement in the future!
- Cost of not working and staying on benefits = LIFETIME OF POVERTY

Slide 11- DB101 Training Tools

- School and Work Saved Sessions
 - Zoe, 17, on SSI, lives at home, high school senior, part-time job
 - Username/Password: zoe2013
 - Bill, 25, on CDB and SSI, lives with roommates, college student, part-time job on campus
 - Username/Password: bill2013

Slide 12- DB101 Training Tools

- More DB101 Calculator webinars:
 - Introduction to DB101
 - Benefits and Work Calculator
 - Medi-Cal for the Working Disabled
- Other DB101 content to explore:
 - Young People and Benefits section
 - Going to Work section
 - Work Programs
 - Benefits and Work Calculator
 - Medi-Cal for the Working Disabled Calculator

Slide 13- 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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