**WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE (WIPA) PROJECT**

The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) project—***Plan for Work***—has returned to Disability Rights Oregon. Our Community Work Incentives Coordinators at ***Plan for Work*** offer no cost Benefits Counseling Services to SSI and SSDI beneficiaries between the ages of 14 to full retirement age, who want to work or are currently employed and live in Oregon or Washington’s southern counties of Benton, Clark, Cowlitz, Franklin, Klickitat, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, and Walla Walla.

While ***Plan for Work*** does not help individuals find jobs, our Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWICs) help Social Security beneficiaries become better equipped to make informed choices about work.

***Plan for Work*** CWICs:

* provide individualized work incentives planning and assistance;
* help beneficiaries and their families understand what other Federal or State work incentives programs are available;
* refer beneficiaries with disabilities to appropriate Employment Networks or State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies;
* provide general information about potential employer-based or federally subsidized health benefits coverage available to beneficiaries once they enter the workforce; and
* inform beneficiaries with disabilities of further protection and advocacy services available to them.

To refer a person to ***Plan for Work***, have them call our Intake line at 503-243-2081 x227. One of our CWICs will then contact this person.

If you have further questions about ***Plan for Work***, please call Arlene Jones, Project Coordinator, at 503-243-2081 x205 or 1-800-452-1694 x205, or send an email to ajones@DROregon.org. We are looking forward to working with you and your clients.