**Benefits to Work**

(*A Program of the Tennessee Disability Coalition*)

**Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Service Model**

How it is determined when a Social Security Work Incentives presentation by the Benefits to Work staff will occur. Presentations are the primary role of the Benefits Analysts (BAs). The Benefits Analysts serve in all three (3) grand regions of Tennessee.

**Group Presentation Events which meet the criteria for BTW/VR staff services**

* + - Initiated by VR counselors
    - Events where VR clients will be in attendance
    - Staff accompanies a VR counselor to an event
    - Event facilitated by a VR contractor/Provider
    - VR liaisons request Transition School to Work Youth presentations
    - Requested events which have received approval by VR officials, e.g. Regional Supervisors
    - Presentation/Workshop/Exhibit Booth/Event requests that are not initiated by authorized VR official(s) and there is uncertainty about how to proceed must be approved by BTW Program Director

**Or**

**One on One Presentation**

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors/Staff/Providers may request that a Benefits Analyst perform a one on one session with a client to discuss how benefits may potentially be impacted by work activity and how the Social Security work incentives can be utilized to aid with transitioning to work/post-secondary education.

**And**

Events will be conducted strictly in accordance to the BTW contract with VR and the availability of staff. Events will be conducted in the most effective and financially feasible manner possible, e.g. events involving several VR regional areas.

**Important Additional Information:**

Benefits Analysts are highly trained and knowledgeable professionals (just not certified as are the CWICs). The BTW presentation schedule is listed on a monthly basis at <http://tndisability.org/upcoming-presentations>. **All** are welcome to attend scheduled presentations.