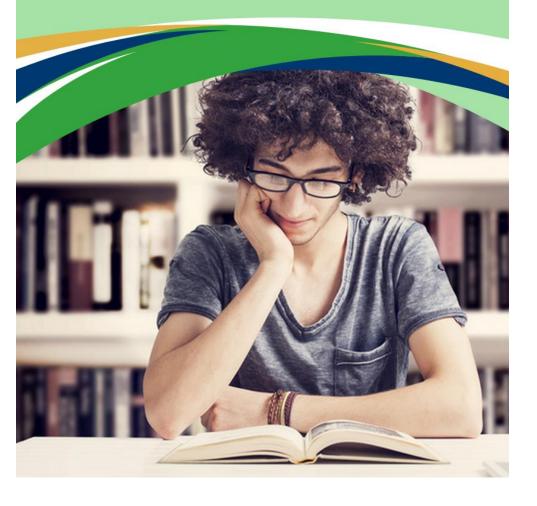
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Disability Rights of West Virginia

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The Ticket to Work Act of 1999 authorized the formation of the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security to help those who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits break down barriers to employment.



**Employment Advocacy Programs such as** PABSS are designed to assist people with disabilities to obtain, maintain, regain and/or advance in employment.







### **DRWV** can inform:

• You of your employment rights You of your rights as a client of the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS) or employment networks



You about workplace accommodations

• You about West Virginia's Work Incentives and Planning Assistance (WIPA) project

 You about work incentives that may help you to obtain meaningful employment

• You about additional resources that could assist you to obtain and maintain employment

## **Advocate**

#### **DRWV** can advocate:

- For appropriate assessments
- For employment supports
- For job accommodations
- For eligibility to employment programs
- For access to appropriate services and supports from the WVDRS and other employment related agencies
- For your legal rights
- For training/education



#### **DRWV** can empower:

 You to achieve your best at work and a fulfilling career

**Empower** 

 You to strengthen your self advocacy skills



### Services include:

- Information and Referral
- Technical Assistance
- Advocacy
- Mediation
- Legal Representation

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