

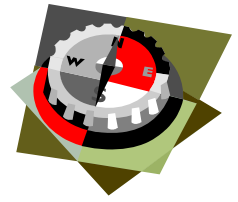


THE DPN ADVANTAGE

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Up & Coming

Benefits Planning WORKSHOP

Many people are concerned about going to work because they believe that they risk losing their benefits and/or medical insurance.

COME AND SEE HOW YOUR BENEFITS CAN WORK FOR YOU!

~~FREE WORKSHOP~~

Tuesday September 19, 2006
Time: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

A special time has been set a side just for you young ones interested in working and your parents:

Time: 5:30 – 7:00pm

Yuba County One Stop
1114 Yuba Street, Marysville CA
Beckwourth Room

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"The Vision"

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

~Thomas A. Edison~



Do you have a cartoon, a motivational thought or saying? Please share your encouragement and we will try to put it in the next issue. Send to the contact below.

Headliner

OCTOBER

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Congress designated each October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). The Office of Disability Employment Policy has the lead in planning NDEAM activities and materials to increase the public's awareness of the contributions and skills of American workers with disabilities. Various programs carried out throughout the month also highlight the specific employment barriers that still need to be addressed and removed.

This effort to educate the American public about issues related to disability and employment actually began in 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month."

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Ask the Experts



QUESTION

What is the goal of the BPAO project?

Answer:

The Name of the BPAO is changing to WIPA / Work Incentives Planning and Assistance but the goal is the same.

The goal of the Benefits Planning, Assistance, and Outreach (BPAO) Program is to better enable SSA's beneficiaries with disabilities to make informed choices about work. Each BPAO Project has Benefits Specialists who will:

- Provide work incentives planning and assistance to SSA's beneficiaries with disabilities
- Conduct outreach efforts to those beneficiaries (and their families), who are potentially eligible to participate in Federal or State work incentives programs;
- and Work in cooperation with Federal, State, and private agencies and nonprofit organizations that serve beneficiaries with disabilities.

