

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) Fact Sheet

Indiana's PABSS Program is managed by Indiana Disability Rights. Indiana Disability Rights assists people with disabilities to protect their rights. The PABSS Program helps people with disabilities who are receiving Social Security benefits remove barriers to employment.

How can we help you?

We can:

- Answer questions about your rights and responsibilities as a Social Security recipient.
- Teach you how to keep Social Security benefits while you look for a job.
- Help you get reasonable accommodations from an employer.
- Help you if you have experienced discrimination.
- Help you create a plan for leaving school and going to college or getting a job.
- Advocate for you to get you the employment services you need from Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) or other agencies.
- Pursue sheltered workshops for paying incorrect wages.

There is no cost for PABSS Services.

Will Indiana Disability Rights keep my information private?

Yes; you decide if and how your information is shared.

How do I know if I am eligible for services?

You may be eligible for PABSS if:

- You receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or both;
- You are between the ages of 18 and 64; and
- You are currently working, interested in working for the first time, or going back to work.

How can I get help?

If you'd like to get help through the PABSS Program, please contact Indiana Disability Rights at 317-722-5555 or 800-622-4845 to speak with an Intake Advocate. You may also submit a request online at: <u>http://www.in.gov/idr/2524.htm</u>. Once your request is received, a staff member will contact you.

Equality Through Advocacy

The Protection and Advocacy System for the State of Indiana

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