

ACBDD Employment First Newsletter



Questions about employment or advocacy?

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*Wishing you success on
your goals in 2025!*

-Tammy

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This month we share some reminders from what we covered in 2024 to help you on your path to employment in 2025.

Reminder #1-Report when you start or end a job and report your earnings each month to Social Security

It is important to report job starts or job stops immediately to your ACBDD SSA, Job and Family Services (for food assistance), Social Security and your property manager (if you receive rental assistance). Be sure to report earnings monthly to Social Security!

Reminder #2-Help is available to find a job

If you are not sure about work, your SSA, ACBDD Employment and Advocacy Coordinator or OOD-Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities can help explore your interests and options for next steps.

Reminder #3-Your ISP should reflect what you want and supports to help you live a good life.

Speak up and let your SSA know your interests so they can help you reach your goals. Not comfortable speaking up? Attend People First-Just Do It Crew meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Westgate to learn how to speak up from other self-advocates.

Reminder #4-Benefits can be confusing and each person's situation is different

Before you start looking for work, have a benefits analysis completed to know how working may affect your benefits. Your SSA or OOD can help with the process.

There are also some great resources online:

<https://oh.db101.org> has great videos and information about working and benefits.

<https://ohioemploymentfirst.org> also has great information for families and jobseekers under "Menu".

Reminder #5- You can always reach out to ACBDD Employment and Advocacy Coordinator or your ACBDD SSA for additional help. We are all here to help you on your path!