

Work Incentives for SYWE

SUMMER 2023



SSI STUDENT EARNED INCOME EXCLUSION (SEIE)

What is it?

- SEIE is for students under age 22 who receive SSI and earn income while attending school.
- SSA will not count up to \$2220 of earned income per month, or \$8950 per year while they are attending school and working. (2023 figure)

How does it work?

- Attending school:
 - Grades 7-12 for at least 12 hours per week (includes home-schooling)
 - College or university for at least 8 hours per week
 - Training course to prepare for employment for at least 12 hours per week
 - Online, through an online school or university, approved by SSA



How to Report Income to SSA

Mobile App



Online



Must have EIN to report income



SSA Student Exclusion Letter



SSA Student Exclusion for SY 2015



Benefits Planning

- ▶ Refer Students for Work Incentives Planning
- ▶ If your student doesn't qualify for SEIE, other options may be available
 - ▶ Talk to your local Work incentives consultant for more information.
 - ▶ Keep in mind SSI and Medicaid resource limit of \$2,000. If they might exceed that, consider a STABLE account



STABLE ACCOUNT

What is it

- ▶ Investment account for eligible individuals with disabilities
 - ▶ Developed disability before age 26
- ▶ Funds in the account are NOT taxable
- ▶ Account funds do NOT count towards resources
- ▶ Does not affect eligibility for Medicaid benefits

How it works

- ▶ Sign up online at www.stableaccount.com
- ▶ Choose from five growth options
- ▶ Allowed to contribute up to \$17,000 per year
- ▶ Maximum allowable balance of \$523,000
- ▶ \$ must be used on “Qualified Disability Expenses”



Easing Fears of Loss or Lessening of Benefits

- ▶ Referring for WIP before SYWE
- ▶ Work Incentives Coordination– help with reporting income to Social Security Administration
- ▶ Stressing income will not exceed limits for SEIE- they will keep their whole SSI payment



Easing Fears of Loss or Lessening of Benefits (continued)

- ▶ No deeming – children's income cannot be counted to reduce parents SSI
- ▶ Income exclusions for SNAP, Cash Assistance -Ohio Works First (OWF) and HUD
 - ▶ 17 and under and enrolled in school the next year, SNAP benefits will not be impacted (OAC Rule 5101:4-4-13)
 - ▶ If they are full-time student and under 18, income does not count toward OWF (OAC Rule 5101:1-23-20.1)
 - ▶ Earned income for those under 18 does not count towards annual income for HUD (24 CFR 5.609 (c))



Preparing families for SYWE

- ▶ Resources for budgeting/financial literacy
 - ▶ If they have waiver services, talk with County Board SSA to determine if this could be added to their plan (Money Management)
 - ▶ OH.Db101.org website - videos



How to Refer for Benefits Planning

Follow 80-VR-11-15 – Work Incentive Services Procedure

Obtain signatures on
SSA Consent
for Release Form (ssa-
3288)

Complete OOD
“Work Incentives
Planning Services
Referral Form” (80-
VR-11-15.P)

Obtain signatures
on relevant releases
(i.e. JFS, local housing
authority, etc.)

Complete a case
note for each release
and save under the
category “Benefits
Information”



How to Refer for Benefits Planning

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Internal WIC

- Complete an activity due with the reminder date set as the date entered

External CRP

- Send authorization with releases and consent forms



Wrap up

Report

Make sure students know a SYWE payment will likely not affect their SSI, but they still must report it!

Ease

Ease parent/family fears by having conversations around Work Incentives Planning before SYWE

- Provide resources when appropriate

Reach out

When in doubt, reach out to the WICs





RESOURCES

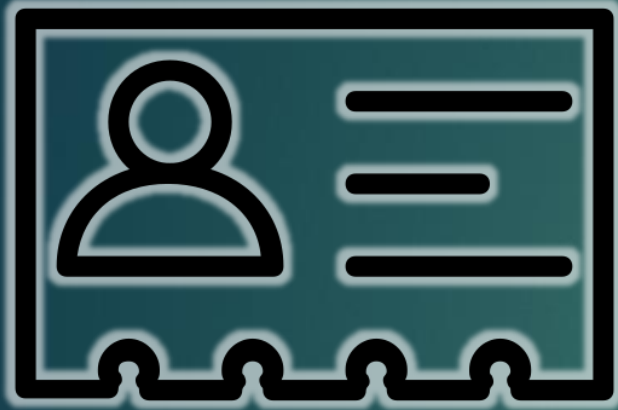
[National Disability Institute Financial Wellness Tools](#)

[DB101 SSI and Youth Who Work - Ohio](#)

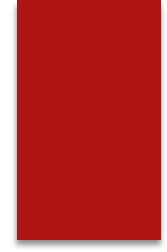
[Student Earned Income Exclusion \(SEIE\) Fact Sheet 80-VR-11-15.D](#)

[Reporting Your Income Fact Sheet 80-VR-11-15.M](#)





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