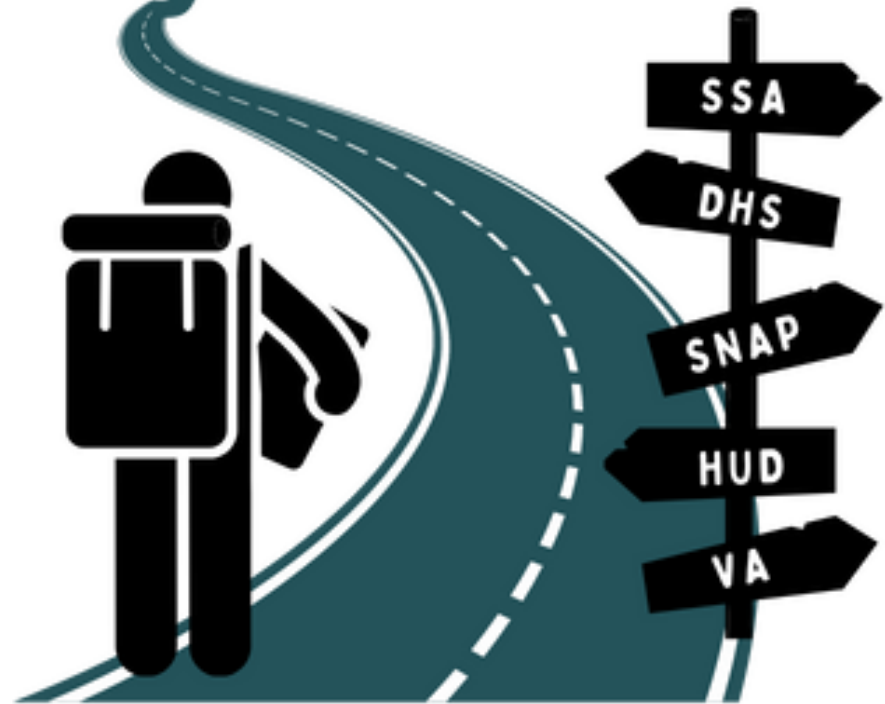


# Disability Rights Iowa

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# Agenda

- ▶ Introduction to WIPA
- ▶ WIPA Team Stats
- ▶ WIPA Happenings in FY23
- ▶ Upcoming Activities for WIPA in FY24
- ▶ How to Support WIPA as a Board Member

# Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA)

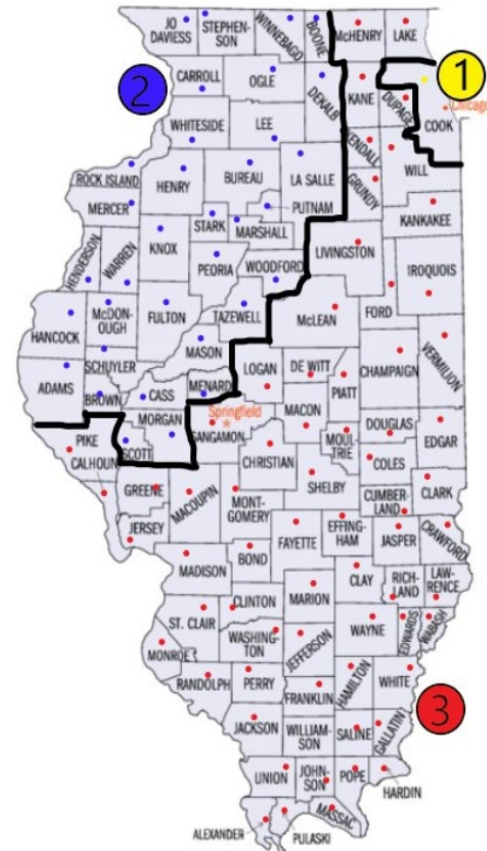
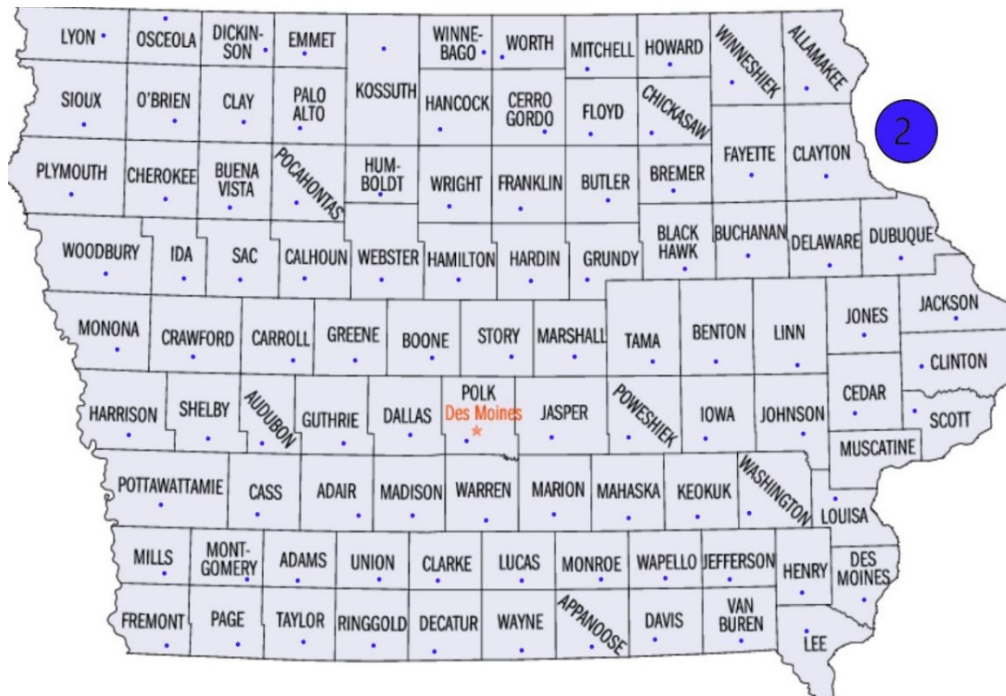
Grant-funded program from the Social Security Administration (SSA) that provides individualized benefits planning to individuals who are:

- ▶ Receiving a Title II disability benefit (SSDI, CDB, DWB) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to disability,
- ▶ At least 14 years old up to full retirement age, **AND**
- ▶ Interested in, actively looking for, or already engaged in work through wage employment or self-employment.

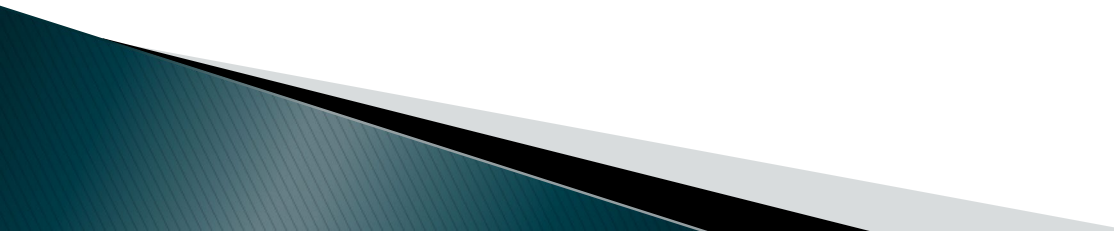
# WIPA Materials/Resources

- ▶ Illinois Coverage Area Map
- ▶ WIPA Brochure
- ▶ Wage and Resource Reporting Brochure
- ▶ SSA “Working While Disabled” Brochure
- ▶ Work Incentive Road Trip Handout
- ▶ ABLE National Resource Center Road Map

# Coverage Areas



# What Happens After Referral?

- ▶ Beneficiary completes and submits program documents.
  - ▶ CWIC verifies information needed to understand the individual's benefits.
  - ▶ CWIC, beneficiary, and other members of the employment support team meet to discuss next steps.
  - ▶ CWIC writes a Benefits Summary & Analysis (BS&A) outlining how the beneficiary's employment goal will impact their current benefits and eligibility for other benefits.
  - ▶ CWIC, beneficiary, and the employment support team meet to review the BS&A and develop a follow-up plan for future critical touch points.
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# New Referrals

## ► New Referrals

- Q1 – 121
- Q2 – 118
- Q3 – 134
- Q4 – 144

## ► New Referrals

- Q1 – 120 (as of 9/22/2023 with one more week)

FY 2023  
TOTAL: 517

FY 2024



# WIPA Happenings in FY 23

- ▶ Inaugural Illinois Road Trip
- ▶ Social Security
  - Recognized IL Leadership through NABWIS Award
  - Emergency Message RE: BPQY
  - Secured Partner Email Language
  - Ongoing Meetings with SSA Leadership to Find Solutions for Iowa Field Office Challenges
- ▶ Harkin Institute: UpLift – Central Iowa Basic Income Pilot
- ▶ Illinois DB 101 Beta Testing and Launch
- ▶ Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Fidelity Reviews
- ▶ Conferences
  - Iowa APSE Conference, including Exhibitor Table
  - ADA Symposium, including Initiated Iowa Meet & Greet
  - ASK Resource Center “Together We Can” Exhibitor Table
  - Inclusion Connection “Live Empowered!” Exhibitor Table



# Upcoming Activities for FY 24

- ▶ Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Illinois Road Trip
- ▶ Presentations
  - Iowa Department for the Blind
  - Iowa School for the Deaf
  - Iowa SSA Field Offices
  - Des Moines Benefits Training
- ▶ Provided Recommendations for Changes to SSA-3033 Employer Subsidy Questionnaire
- ▶ Fall 2023 WIPA Retreat
- ▶ Iowa Blueprint for Change
  - Kick-Off and Ongoing Collective Meetings
  - Iowa DB 101 Testing (Pending)
- ▶ Transition of Iowa Benefits Planning Network
- ▶ Professional Development (as of September 22, 2023)
  - Money Follows the Person Meeting
  - Iowa APSE Conference, including Exhibitor Table
  - Equip for Equality PABSS Training

# How to Support WIPA as a Board Member

- ▶ Encourage Beneficiaries to Report Their New Jobs and Earnings to Social Security and Medicaid
- ▶ Assist Beneficiaries with Contacting the Ticket to Work Helpline at (866) 968-7842
- ▶ Educate Community Partners on WIPA Services
- ▶ Contact DRI WIPA if You Have Questions about a Beneficiary's Situation

\*Remember – Social Security disability beneficiaries CAN work and receive benefits!

# Success Stories

- ▶ Mistie – Countable Earnings
  - 40-year-old SSDI beneficiary
- ▶ Tammy – PASS
  - 24-year-old SSI beneficiary
- ▶ Jenny – Work Review/Subsidy
  - 43-year-old SSDI beneficiary who is blind

# Questions?

**Give the Ticket to Work Helpline a call!  
(866) 968-7842**



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