

What type of training will PABSS provide?

PABSS will conduct training seminars on the employment rights of Social Security beneficiaries. These seminars are available upon request to persons with disabilities, their family members, service providers and agencies, or employers. The seminar will cover current work incentives, (particularly those under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act of 1999). Training will also overview disability-based employment rights under state and federal law. If you would like to schedule a training, contact the PABSS Program Coordinator at the OAC.

I intend to return to work or am already working; what if I need help planning so that I can make an informed choice about how working will affect my benefits?

You may want to ask for the Passage to Independence Project (PIP) also based at the Oregon Advocacy Center office listed on the next page.

FOR ASSISTANCE, MORE INFORMATION, OR TO RECEIVE A LIST OF OAC PUBLICATIONS, CALL US AT:

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1-800-452-1694 (voice)

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OAC has an established grievance procedure to address dissatisfaction with decisions and services. Details and forms are available upon request.

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DO YOU RECEIVE SSI OR SSDI?

IF YES, THEN

DO YOU WANT HELP GETTING THE REHABILITATION SERVICES YOU REQUIRE SO YOU CAN WORK?

OR

ARE YOU WORKING BUT NEED AN ACCOMMODATION TO KEEP WORKING?

OR

DO YOU HAVE OTHER LEGAL BARRIERS THAT PREVENT YOU FROM WORKING?

Contact OAC's PABSS Program

What is PABSS?

Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security is a new program of the Oregon Advocacy Center. PABSS is for Oregonians with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and who have a disability-related barrier to employment that may be solved with civil legal advice or advocacy. SSDAC recipients may also be eligible for PABSS help.

Is PABSS a government agency?

No, PABSS is a program of Oregon Advocacy Center, which is an independent non-profit agency tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The PABSS program is funded by a grant from the Social Security Administration.

Do I have to have or be using a 'Ticket' to be eligible for PABSS?

No.

What kind of cases can PABSS handle?

- dispute resolution with employment related service providers including Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Services and any type of private or non-profit Employment Network as well as benefits planning offices.
- workplace disability-related discrimination or reasonable accommodation request.
- return to work issues.
- acquisition of services, benefits or accommodations directly related to a specific return to work effort. (For example: an accommodation request for a licensing certificate exam or application, or the coordination of available services or benefits necessary to obtain a device or accommodation for an active identifiable job offer or current job placement.)

More simply; if legal assistance will allow you to work, PABSS may be able to help you.

Can PABSS help me with a contest regarding a Social Security overpayment, eligibility determination or re-determination or any SSA appeal?

No. (However, other programs at Oregon Advocacy Center may still be able to assist you.)

What kind of help can PABSS give me?

A full range of legal services including:

- brief information and referral
- case specific advice
- negotiation and mediation
- legal advocacy and representation in administrative and court hearings
- education, training and technical assistance

While PABSS will attempt to solve all problems by using the lowest and most amenable level of dispute resolution, PABSS has a staff attorney capable of providing representation at each level.