



LET'S GO TO WORK

VIRTUAL EIGHT-PART SERIES • FREE • SPRING 2023

The *Let's Go to Work* virtual series is intended to provide families, educators, and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors with information, resources, and useful tools to assist students with becoming self-sufficient and productive in their communities. In this eight-part series, Sandy Hardy-Smith of Imagine Enterprises will interpret complex policy, rules, and procedures of Social Security to assist with navigating pathways to employment. Families are encouraged to schedule an in-person or virtual one-on-one benefits planning meeting at the end of the series.

Let's Go to Work! Your Money, Benefits and Work

(English) Saturday, February 4, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. - noon *(Spanish)* Thursday, February 9, 2023 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Participants will receive an overview of the world of Social Security for young adults and those who support them. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and health insurance/long-term care (Medicare and Medicaid) will be discussed.

Let's Go to Work! Applying for Disability Benefit

(English) Saturday, February 18, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. - noon *(Spanish)* Thursday, February 23, 2023 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This session is designed to assist families with understanding the eligibility rules for disability benefits, how to apply for benefits, and what to do once a decision is made.

Let's Go to Work! Your Money, Turning 18 and Social Security Benefits

(English) Saturday, March 4, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. - noon. *(Spanish)* Thursday, March 2, 2023 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Turning 18 is an important age when it comes to receiving or applying for benefits. Participants will gain information on what to do if they are currently not on benefits (or if benefits have been denied) and what to do if currently receiving benefits.

Let's Go to Work! Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and the Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

(English) Saturday, March 25, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. - noon *(Spanish)* Thursday, March 23, 2023 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Participants will gain a working definition of the Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE) and why it is important. Participants will also understand the different education categories and required hours related to rules. They will also learn a process to request and report monthly and annual exclusions. *Continued*

Educators register at www.esc11.net, and families register at <https://forms.gle/6rvFv5k1woi1pJif6>.

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Families, please complete the registration form at <https://forms.gle/X8Xj4xLCbniky7y48>.



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Let's Go to Work! Developing a Person-Centered Plan and Circle of Support

(English) Saturday, April 8, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. - noon

(Spanish) Thursday, April 13, 2023 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This session is designed to assist families with understanding the importance and role of a person-centered plan and circle of support; tools to complete and implement the process, and strategies to measure its effectiveness and how to make adjustments.

Let's Go to Work! Your Money – Your Future: Strategies for Long-Term Success

(English) Saturday, April 22, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. - noon

Participants will understand the importance of long-term planning and developing a financial plan. Information will be provided about implementing of Social Security Work Incentives, saving money, and protecting Medicaid. A brief overview of the Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS), ABLE Accounts, and Special Needs Trusts will be provided.

Let's Go to Work! Your Money – Decision-Making Tools

(English) Saturday, April 29, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. - noon

This session is designed to assist families with helping their young adult maximize earnings and obtain the necessary benefits for long-term success. Participants will develop a plan and identify tools to manage their money, understand budgeting, saving, and investing in the future.

Let's Go to Work! Beyond Money – Services after Leaving the Education System

(English) Saturday, May 6, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. - noon

(English) May 20, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. - noon *(Repeated)*

During this session, participants will learn the difference between entitlement and eligibility services. Participants will learn about the services provided by Texas Workforce Solutions, Employment Networks, Long-term Social Security Services, and Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) Medicaid services. Participants will work to create a plan to foster support for community living, employment, and self-determination.

Families may also sign up for a confidential virtual one-on-one session with a Certified Community Work Incentive Counselor (CWIC). Pre-registration is required.

If the student is on benefits, pertinent documents will be required, including SSA letters, a copy of the Benefits Planning Query (BPQY), pay stubs (if applicable), Insurance card, and other benefit letters.

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