

What is Alliance?

- Center for Independent Living
 - Federally Funded
 - Consumer Controlled- 51%
- 5 Core Services (eligibility)
 - I&R
 - IL Skills Training
 - Peer Counseling
 - Advocacy (Individual & System)
 - System (MHBG Review, PSAs)
 - Individual (Fair Housing)
 - Transition
 - Youth
 - Institution (Butner FCC)



Other Services

- Youth Group
- Youth Leadership Forum
- SUITcessful
- Travel Training
- Benefits Counseling
- Veteran Services
- Supported Employment
 - Spring 2018

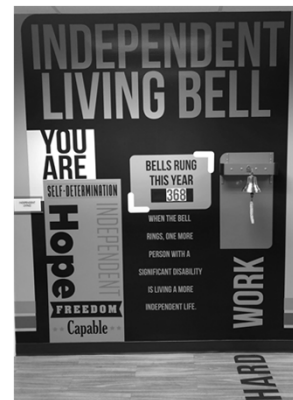




Youth Group at Durham Bulls Game



2017 City of Raleigh Community Impact Award





Experiences

- Hard to break into DVR & LME/MCO network
- In Kentucky
 - Served 53 counties, some had highest rates of people receiving SSI in the country
 - Had highest
 - Average salary was 28k
 - 62% of individuals served went on employer benefits and off of Medicaid



Concerns

- Pre-Employment Transition Services funding too difficult to obtain
- Millions of dollars not given out for Post-Secondary Transition Services in NC
- 5,167 Individuals with disabilities in NC are being paid subminimum wage through 14c
- DVR Commitment to Transition Services for Youth
- Segregated Schools in NC



Solutions

- Employment First Legislation
- Funding/ Fee Service for Benefits Counseling
- Legislation that makes it **illegal** for PWD to be paid less than minimum wage in NC (DHHS Behavioral Health Plan pg. 30)
- Funding for IPS-SE
- Making sure NC DVR has the all resources it needs to fulfil its mission
- Legislators make a priority to employ individuals with disabilities as staffers
- Tax Incentives
- Governor's High School Diploma



Benefit Counseling is Important

- Joe lives alone and is an adult receiving SSI based upon disability. Joe receives a monthly annuity check from a policy left to him by his parents in the amount of \$120 monthly. He is about to begin working **part time** and expects to gross **\$700 per month**. He tells you about some of his out of pocket medical expenses and other items he will need to work due to his disability. You determine that his out of pocket expenses total \$62.50.

SSI Calculation Worksheet



Step ONE	Calculations
Unearned Income	120
General Income Exclusion (GIE)	- 20
Countable Unearned Income	= 100
STEP TWO	
Gross Earned Income	700
Student Earned Income Exclusion	- 0
Remainder	700
IDA Contribution*	- 0
Remainder	700
GIE (if not used above)	- 0
Remainder	700
Earned Income Exclusion (EIE)	- 65
Remainder	635
Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE)	- 62.50
Remainder	572.50
Divide by 2	/2
Remainder	= 286.25
Blind Work Expenses (BWE)	- 0
Total Countable Earned Income	= 286.25
STEP THREE	
Total Countable Unearned Income	100
Total Countable Earned Income	+ 286.25
PASS Deduction	- 0
Total Countable Income	= 386.25
STEP FOUR	
Base SSI Rate (FBR \$750 or VTR \$500 - 2018)	750
Total Countable Income	- 386.25
Adjusted SSI Payment	= 363.75
STEP FIVE	
Adjusted SSI Payment	363.75
Gross earned income received	+ 700
Gross unearned income received	+ 120
PASS, BWE or IRWE Expenses, IDA Contributions, O/P offsets, ABLE Contributions	- 62.50
Total Financial Outcome	= 1121.25



Total Financial Outcome:
\$1,121.25

