



Each quarter, LARADON'S Ticket to Work newsletter will bring you information about returning to work, navigating your benefits and community resources. If you have an idea for a newsletter topic, we want to hear from you!

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DID YOU KNOW ? Social Security has expanded its online wage reporting service to people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) AND to those who receive both SSI and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Having a MySSA account <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/> will keep you informed about your benefit status and is another option for reporting income.

You can even print your disability status to apply for a FREE National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass! See details below.

Long-term supports through Laradon's Ticket to Work Program

Support from Laradon's TTW team doesn't end when you start working. We should be in touch at least every 2-3 months. Not only is it exciting for us to hear how work is going, but we can assist with:

- Applying for Medicaid Buy-In for Working Adults with Disabilities
- Reporting income and understanding how income effects all of your benefits
- Understanding and calculating the Trial Work Period and Extended Period of Eligibility (for recipients of SSDI)
- Talking with Social Security on your behalf to navigate discrepancies in benefits
- Interpreting letters from Social Security, including the lengthy work review packet or cessation notice
- Applying for a promotion or job change
- And more.....

MYTH BUSTER

“Social Security knows I'm working because I'm paying Social Security taxes.”

It is true that Social Security often learns that a beneficiary is working through information sharing with other state and federal agencies, like the Internal Revenue Service. However, it can take time for this information to show up on your record and for Social Security to have time to act on it. In addition, the information Social Security gets from these sources does not replace your need to report. Instead, the earnings reported by federal and state sources simply cause Social Security to contact you and ask about earnings and Work Incentives that you might be using. In the meantime, you could be receiving payments you are not eligible to receive. In addition to reporting your wages to Laradon, you can report your wages to your local Social Security office by fax, phone, mail, visiting them in person, or by using the above mentioned MySSA account reporting tool.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE

FREE National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass The cost of obtaining an Access Pass through the USGS is ten dollars (\$10). The pass itself is free, and there is a ten dollar fee for processing the application. Applicants must provide documented proof of residency and permanent disability. To find out more, visit: <https://store.usgs.gov/access-pass>