

# EMPLOYMENT AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

## *The Impact of Employment on Disability Benefits and Medicaid*

**September 24-25, 2003**

**Herkimer County  
Community College**

100 Reservoir Rd, Herkimer, NY 13350

**Sponsored By The NY State Work Incentives Support Center**

The Work Incentives Support Center is housed in Cornell University's Program on Employment and Disability within the School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

This program is made possible through the sponsorship of the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

*A two-day conference for rehabilitation professionals, advocates, case managers, social workers, persons with disabilities, family members and others. The conference will provide information about how employment affects federal disability benefits and the steps one can take to use federal work incentives to promote career development.*

**DAY 1  
September 24,  
2003**

### **Overview of Social Security and SSI Disability Programs**

*Edwin Lopez-Soto, Lead Trainer, Cornell University's Program on Employment and Disability.*

### **Work Incentives Under Social Security, SSI and Medicaid**

*James R. Sheldon, Jr., and Edwin Lopez-Soto.*

**Choose one of the following three workshops:**

#### **WORKSHOP #1**

#### **Accessing Benefits from Vocational Rehabilitation**

#### **Agencies: An Advocate's Perspective**

*Ronald M. Hager, Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Legal Services & Melinda R. Saran, University of Buffalo, School of Law.*

#### **WORKSHOP #2**

#### **Trial Work Period, Extended Period of Eligibility, Expedited Reinstatement**

*Edwin Lopez-Soto and James R. Sheldon, Jr.*

#### **WORKSHOP #3**

#### **Impairment Related Work Expenses**

*Roger Nellist, Staff Attorney, The Advocacy Center, Rochester, NY and Krista McDonald, Staff Paralegal, Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc., Buffalo, NY.*

**Choose one of the following three workshops:**

#### **Workshop #4 – Coordinating the Benefit Package**

*Melinda R. Saran, Esq., University at Buffalo School of Law and Krista McDonald, Staff Paralegal, Neighborhood Legal Services.*

#### **Workshop #5 – Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS): An Overview**

*James R. Sheldon, Jr. & To be named, Social Security Administration*

#### **Workshop #6 – Subsidies**

*Roger Nellist.*

**DAY 2**  
**September 25,**  
**2003**

**Summary of Recent Legislative Changes to the  
Social Security and SSI Programs**  
*Edwin Lopez-Soto.*

**Choose one of the following three workshops:**

**WORKSHOP #7**  
**Ask Social Security: Everything You Wanted to Know  
but Were Afraid to Ask**  
*Social Security Administration.*

**WORKSHOP #8**  
**SSI Overpayments and the Working Individual: Part I**  
*Edwin Lopez-Soto*

**WORKSHOP #9**  
**How to Write a PASS**  
*Ronald M. Hager and James R. Sheldon, Jr., Neighborhood Legal Services;  
& to be named, Social Security Administration.*

**Choose one of the following three workshops:**

**Workshop #10**  
**The Ticket to Work and Self Sufficiency**  
*Ronald M. Hager*

**Workshop #11**  
**Social Security & SSI Overpayments and the Working Individual: Part II**  
*Edwin Lopez-Soto and James R. Sheldon, Jr.*

**Workshop #12**  
**SSI Income and Resource Rules**  
*Krista McDonald, Staff Paralegal, Neighborhood Legal Services.*

**Medicaid, Section 1619(b), and the Medicaid Buy-In: How Individuals  
with Disabilities Become Eligible and Retain Eligibility When Working**  
*Edwin Lopez-Soto and James R. Sheldon, Jr.*



**REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Registration Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$95 received by 9/12/03** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$125 received after 9/12/03**

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Reasonable Accommodation Request (DEADLINE: 9/12/03) \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop Preferences (choose one from each column):**

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_____ #2	_____ #5	_____ #8	_____ #11
_____ #3	_____ #6	_____ #9	_____ #12

**Registration Fee  
Includes:**

Continental breakfasts, a copy of  
*Benefits Management for Working People  
with Disabilities: An Advocate's Manual*  
(a \$60 value), and other handouts.  
Call (716) 847-0655 x. 271 for more information,  
including a more detailed agenda.