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## Services

### Services provided to eligible individuals:

- **Information & referral**, as well as **education**, to individuals and organizations.
- **Advocacy assistance** - assistance with employment related problems.
- **Advocacy representation** - by a P&A advocate for identified rights violations.
- **Legal representation** by an attorney when an identified rights violation cannot be resolved through advocacy.

For more information on returning to work as a Social Security beneficiary go to:

[www.choosework.net](http://www.choosework.net)

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## Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security

Employment Advocacy to  
assist Beneficiaries of SSI and  
SSDI with barriers to  
employment

## WHAT IS PABSS?

The **Protection & Advocacy Project (P&A)** is an independent state agency that protects, and advocates for, the rights of people with disabilities within established priorities.

The **Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)** program is funded through the Social Security Administration.

**PABSS may be able to help you if you live in North Dakota and are a beneficiary of:**

- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- disabled Widow(er) or Childhood Disability Benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for disability
- continued Medicaid coverage under 1619(b)
- extended Medicare.

## PABSS PRIORITIES

**Do you receive SSI or SSDI and want to work? PABSS can assist you with work issues by:**

- ⇒ Guidance working with Vocational Rehabilitation, Blind Services, Ticket to Work and other employment initiatives.
- ⇒ Encouraging paid employment at or above minimum wage and proper income reporting by explaining work incentive rules.
- ⇒ Providing case advocacy & legal representation as appropriate to prevent or address employment discrimination and other employment related problems.
- ⇒ Identifying and advocating to correct deficiencies in entities providing vocational rehabilitation, supported employment, customized employment and/or youth transition services.

⇒ Providing information and technical assistance on work incentives to entities helping you with employment.

⇒ Assisting with Social Security Administration disputes involving work-related program decisions and overpayments that interfere with employment.

**PABSS program services are provided at no cost to eligible individuals.**

SSI/SSDI beneficiaries may also obtain help in understanding work incentives programs, and how returning to work will affect other public benefits.

For information contact the Work Incentives, Planning and Assistance Project:

**Rehab Services, Inc.**  
**1-800-258-8132**

**Eastern ND**  
**701-793-5238**

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**701-839-4240**