If you are interested in Benefits Education or Employment Assistance, contact our Certified Work Incentive Planner and American Dream Employment Network Point of Contact:

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Our Mission

To empower all people with disabilities while creating an inclusive society through the elimination of social and architectural barriers.

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BENEFITS EDUCATION and
EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
**Employment Assistance**

Finger Lakes Independence Center is a member of the American Dream employment Network (ADEN).

ADEN is the first national administrative Employment Network providing face-to-face services to individuals receiving Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits under the Ticket to work program.

Services available include:
- Career Counseling
- Job Search Supports
- Social Security Work incentives Advisement
- Financial Wellness Resources
- Long-term Supports

**Benefits Education** is a useful service for:
- Individuals applying for benefits
- Social Security beneficiaries interested in employment
- Students transitioning out of high school
- Individuals who need assistance managing their current benefits

**Employment Assistance** through the Ticket to Work Program is available to:
- Social Security beneficiaries
- 18 – 64 year olds
- Interested in financial independence
- With a “Ticket” available for assignment

Other types of employment assistance is also available for individuals with disabilities not receiving Social Security benefits.

**Benefits Education services include:**
- Assistance applying for benefits
- Information and analysis about benefits and entitlements already received
- Information about the SSA’s Ticket to Work Program
- Accurate information about the impact of employment on all benefits
- Assistance ensuring proper reporting of income and work activity
- Proper planning for the transition from benefits to financial independence
- Assistance utilizing available work incentives
- Referral to appropriate community organizations
- And more