

Our Mission

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



Finger Lakes **Independence** Center

Opening Doors to Independence

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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