

"I have had to struggle to find someone who could help me make sense of the steps I had to follow to begin to be independent from social security disability. There is a lot to consider, but I feel like a new person. I now have a better understanding of my future goals. Thank you."

— JC, Wassaic, New York

## Where you can reach us...

### **Mid-Hudson & Lower Hudson Valley**



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#### **Our Mission**

Independent Living, Inc. is a consumer-directed, cross-disability advocacy and service organization, dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Our Vision is a barrier-free society with opportunities for all people to achieve their maximum potential.

## **New York Capital District**



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#### Our Mission

With the help of our local New Hampshire communities, we assist people with tools for living life independently, so they can change their lives for the better. GSIL is committed to the principle of personal choice and direction.

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## WORK INCENTIVES PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE ALLIANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT



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### **Work Incentives**

Are you receiving SSDI or SSI benefits, working now, or thinking about returning to work? Independent Living Centers can assist you in preparing a work plan so that you can go to work. Many people who work are able to keep their benefits, and continue receiving Medicare or Medicaid.



## **Questions You May Have...**

- ★ How can I work and keep my benefits?
- ★ What are work incentives?
- ★ Do SSDI and SSI work incentives differ?
- ★ Is self-employment included?
- ★ How long will my Social Security benefits be protected?
- Will my Medicare or Medicaid be protected?

## **Planning Assistance**

Together, we can...

- ★ Explore work incentives that could increase your income.
- Learn how earning money affects your SSDI and/or SSI benefits.
- ★ Create a benefits plan.

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