



ADVOCACY CENTER
SERVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR BENEFICIARIES OF SOCIAL SECURITY (PABSS)

PABSS provides free legal/advocacy services to beneficiaries of SSI or SSDI who are preparing for employment or seeking to obtain, maintain or advance in employment.

The Advocacy Center (AC) is a statewide non-profit agency providing free legal services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for PABSS services, an individual must:

- reside in Louisiana
- be 18-64 years old
- be a beneficiary of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- be preparing for or seeking employment, engaged in employment, or in jeopardy of losing employment

SERVICES

- **INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION**
 - Provide individual advocacy and representation to resolve disputes that arise in a beneficiary's return to work effort.
 - Ensure that beneficiaries of Social Security receive legal advice and representation when necessary to protect their rights under the law.
- **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**
 - Provide information, referral and advice about obtaining vocational rehabilitation, support service and other employment services, including advice on how to apply for and access the services of the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Initiative.
 - Provide information and technical assistance on work incentives to individuals, attorneys, advocacy organizations, governmental agencies.

- **SYSTEMS ADVOCACY**

- Identify and advocate to correct deficiencies in employment service systems in Louisiana.

- **EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS INFORMATION**

- Provide educational materials on employment rights and employment incentives to advance employment opportunities of Social Security beneficiaries.

- **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- Provide education and training about work incentives, employment rights, and services available through employment networks under the Ticket to Work Initiative to Social Security beneficiaries and others involved in employment service systems in Louisiana.

For Assistance:

Call: TOLL-FREE 1-800-960-7705 (Voice) 1-866-935-7348 (TTY)

Write: 1010 Common Street, Suite 2600, New Orleans, LA 70112

Visit our website: www.advocacyla.org

To request services in Vietnamese, call 1-800-960-7705, extension 153.

Để đòi hỏi những công tác (dịch vụ) bằng tiếng Việt, xin gọi 1-800-960-7705, mở rộng 153.

For information in Spanish please call 1-800-960-7705, ext. 152

Para información en español por favor llame 1-800-960-7705, ext.152

AC has offices in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Shreveport

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