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## Commitment to Your Legal Rights.

PABSS protects your legal rights if you receive a Social Security benefit, have a disability, and need employment assistance.

### Contact DRM if you:

- Want to return to work
- Are facing barriers at work
- Worried about how working may impact your benefits
- Have a general question

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## The Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security Program

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# What is PABSS?

PABSS stands for Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security. It is a free program for Social Security beneficiaries, who have disabilities, and need help with employment.

## Do I Qualify for PABSS?

**PABSS is only for people who are between age 14 and full retirement age and entitled to receive:**

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for disability
- Social Security Disability
- Insurance (SSDI)
- Childhood Disability Benefits (CDB)
- Disabled Widow(er) Benefits (DWB)
- Health Care Benefits, such as Medicaid or Medicare

## PABSS Can Help You:

- **Find** Employment
- **Keep** Employment
- **Advance** Employment

### Services Include:

- Free and confidential legal advocacy
- Information and referral
- Technical assistance
- Mediation
- Legal representation

## PABSS Staff Provide:

### Information & Referral

- Disability-related employment discrimination
- Reasonable accommodations at work
- Work-related housing, transportation, and childcare barriers
- Assistive technology
- Benefits counseling referral

### Advocacy

- Vocational Rehabilitation assistance
- School to work transition
- Post-secondary education issues that are barriers to employment
- Social Security work-related overpayments that are a barrier to obtaining, regaining, or maintaining employment

**Our Services Are  
Free & Confidential.**