

AMERICA WORKS

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# Social Security's Ticket to Work

A Case Study at  
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# Ticket to Work

- 0 Working as an EN (Employment Network) since 2008
- 0 Grounded in a Work First Theory and specialize in full time employment only
- 0 Program is completely 100% voluntary for SSI/SSDI recipients
- 0 Working as an ENs, only paid for job retention milestones

# TTW at America Works

0 Work First Approach

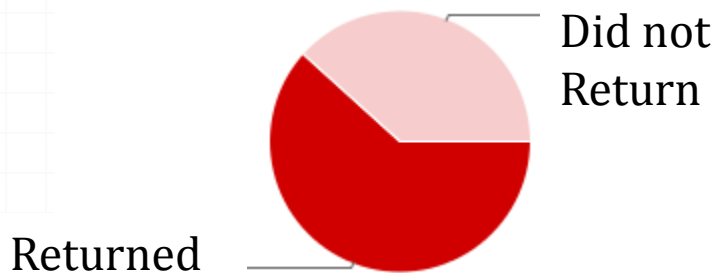
0 Retention Services

0 Over 35% of clients do not return after orientation

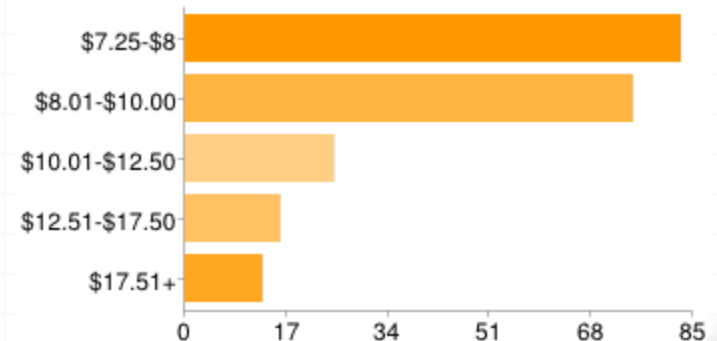
0 80% of those who do return are sent on interviews

0 Only 15% of TTW clients obtain employment

Return Rate After Orientation



Desired Starting Wages



# Problems with TTW

- 0 Only 3% of Ticket holders take advantage of Ticket to Work
- 0 Since voluntary, there are no work requirements resulting in poor attendance
- 0 Primarily seeking part-time work to continue to receive full SSI/SSDI
- 0 No incentives

# Recommendations

- 0 Mandate medical reviews/TTW
- 0 Mandate minimal attendance with EN

Thereby...

...extending the lifetime of the SS trust fund

...making millions of Americans self sufficient