

Disability Benefits 101

Working with a disability

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DB101 is ...

Disability Benefits 101 (DB101) is a comprehensive website offering state-focused tools and information on employment and career planning, health coverage options, and disability benefits. DB101 serves a range of users, including job seekers with a disability, service providers, and their communities.

DB101 calculators allow users to create and explore scenarios that match their life situations, in order to find out how changes in employment, earnings, marital status, or other circumstances may affect their health coverage and benefits.



If you cannot convince the individual that it is in their best interest to try working at a level that will get them off of benefits, increase their disposable income, and improve their quality of life, nothing else you do for them in the (vocational rehabilitation) program is going to make that big of a difference.

Don Uchida

Executive Director of the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation
Testimony before the U.S. Senate Health Education, Labor and Pensions Committee
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State Partners

Our state partners work to embed DB101 into the daily business practice of employment support counselors. DB101 is currently offered in 9 states:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- New Jersey
- Ohio

DB101 Offers:

- 24/7 access to interactive planning tools.
- Real-time support when planning for, accepting, or changing a job.
- Enhanced self-directed learning for beneficiaries.
- Teaching tools that can deepen the learning that benefits planners offer clients.

The Case for DB101

By empowering more beneficiaries and supporting their service providers, DB101 is an important part of the employment picture for Americans with disabilities.

The Individual

People with disabilities routinely use DB101 to improve their access to paid work, health coverage, and benefits.

Disability beneficiaries who take active steps to manage risk when job planning become more confident about their employment decisions. Within a context of ever-changing state and federal disability benefits and health coverage options, job seekers rely on trusted sources of information as their life moves forward and conditions change. When someone needs to make an informed decision about work and benefits, they can find current and accurate information on DB101 24/7/365.

The Professional

DB101 enhances the one-on-one support provided by a counselor, and provides direct connections to in-person assistance throughout the site. When DB101 is used as a part of the beneficiary/counselor relationship, the beneficiary is better prepared and informed, and the counselor has access to a suite of well-honed teaching tools. Valuable one-on-one counseling time can be spent more efficiently.

The Agency

When in use across multiple agencies, DB101 can manage and reduce the chronic spread of disinformation. Using DB101 services in everyday business practice can reduce subjective opinions about complex benefit rules, commonly referred to as counselor bias, while improving language and terminology standards.

Broader use of DB101 by service providers expands the reach and availability of accurate information to target populations. This expanded reach can yield positive effects on productivity and related cost/benefits analyses.

DB101 States Gain Access To:

- A custom designed selection of content and tools that meets your state's budget and needs across programs that provide employment and other services to a cross-disability target population.
- A core team of seasoned experts who produce, test, and maintain a consistently high quality product.
- Year-round website hosting, maintenance, and updates.
- Centrally managed data, allowing for site-wide updates when needed, including when program rules change.
- Real time management of and response to all online user feedback and inquiries.
- Complex issue analysis and problem solving.
- Custom data reports and analysis of site usage.
- A multi-state community of innovative thought leaders in the field of employment and disability benefits.

DB101 as Part of Your State's Innovative Services

Contact us to learn more about DB101. We are available for webinar presentations covering DB101 history, site features, content, tools, connection to the local service provider community, and current plans to improve services.

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