



What is a BIN Strategic Plan of Support?

How Can it Help You?

The Benefits Information Network (BIN) is a group of professionals who help Social Security beneficiaries like you understand available work incentives and the impact of earned income on federal and state benefits. It provides consistent and accurate access to information on federal, state, and local work incentives, as well as other resources, to help you with your pursuit of employment. This is funded through Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services and is free to you!

You, and when needed, your support network will meet with a certified BIN Liaison for the next few months. Your BIN Liaison will talk to you about your current living situation, past jobs, health insurance coverage, barriers you may have regarding employment, and goals for the future. You may be asked to provide documentation on the above items. It will be helpful to bring any recent paperwork from Social Security, Medicare, and/or Medicaid; current paystubs; and a copy of your lease or any other relevant information about household income, like SNAP, TANF, child support, veteran's benefits, or workmen's comp.

You will sign several releases during this process. One allows the BIN Liaison to contact Social Security and request a Benefits Planning Query report (BPQY). The BPQY is a snapshot view of your Social Security administered benefits and provides a simple printed display of complex information. Other releases may need to be signed depending upon individual situations.

Your BIN Liaison will then prepare and present you with a Strategic Plan for Support to share information on short- and long-term resources. You, and when needed, your Support Network, will learn about available incentives that allow you to MAXIMIZE earnings, as well as receive advice on proper income reporting responsibilities.

The end result: You will feel informed and empowered and will be connected to professionals who can help as your employment journey unfolds and your independence develops!

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