



# Transition

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## SSI BENEFITS AND WORKING ACTIVITY CARDS

Path: I Want to Go to Work

Course: How Do I Explore My Work Options

Lesson: Benefits of Going to Work

**Instructions:** These cards include steps in the process of a student seeking help from Benefits to Work. The steps are out of order. There are three options for this activity.



Option 1: Print this document and cut out each card. Place each card in the correct order.



Option 2: Label the cards 1 through 6 using the space provided on each card.



Option 3: Complete the digital activity on the website.

**A**

Kylie looks up Ticket to Work online and calls the helpline number.

**B**

Kylie just turned 18. She wants to look for a job at a clothing store. However, she isn't sure she should be working. She's worried she will lose her SSI benefits.

**C**

Kylie's benefits counselor tells her she will always make more money by working than only receiving benefits. She also helps Kylie understand how she can still keep her SSI benefits even if she gets a job.

**D**

A benefits counselor in Tennessee contacted Kylie 3 days later. She had gotten information about Kylie from Ticket to Work.

**E**

A Ticket to Work helpline representative confirms Kylie's information and SSI status.

**F**

Kylie calls her local Social Security office. They tell her there's a program called Ticket to Work but they don't know much about it.

**A**

A Ticket to Work helpline representative confirms Thomas's information and SSI status.

**B**

Thomas's benefits counselor tells him that his raise may decrease the amount of SSI he receives per month. He also reminds him that he will be making more money each month with his raise, even if he receives less SSI.

**C**

Thomas calls the Ticket to Work helpline for more information.

**D**

Thomas gets on the Choose Work website and finds the Ticket to Work helpline number.

**E**

Thomas is a grocery bagger and just received a pay raise. He is wondering how this raise will affect his monthly SSI checks.

**F**

A benefits counselor called Thomas back the following week. They received Thomas's information from the Ticket to Work representative.

**A**

Miranda currently receives SSI checks based on her parents' income. She is about to turn 18 and wants to know if her SSI will change.

**B**

A benefits counselor calls Miranda the next morning to help answer her questions.

**C**

Miranda asks her teacher for help, and they give her the local Social Security office number.

**D**

Miranda calls the Ticket to Work helpline and a representative takes down her contact information.

**E**

The Social Security office refers her to Ticket to Work and gives her the helpline number to call.

**F**

Miranda's benefits counselor tells her that when she turns 18, she will need to file for SSI based on her own income rather than her parents'.

# Answer Key

## Kylie

1. Kylie just turned 18. She wants to look for a job at a clothing store. However, she isn't sure she should be working. She's worried she will lose her SSI benefits. (B)
2. Kylie calls her local Social Security office. They tell her there's a program called Ticket to Work but they don't know much about it. (F)
3. Kylie looks up Ticket to Work online and calls the helpline number. (A)
4. A Ticket to Work helpline representative confirms Kylie's information and SSI status.(E)
5. A benefits counselor in Tennessee contacted Kylie 3 days later. She had gotten information about Kylie from Ticket to Work. (D)
6. Kylie's benefits counselor tells her she will always make more money by working than only receiving benefits. She also helps Kylie understand how she can still keep her SSI benefits even if she gets a job. (C)

Correct Order: B, F, A, E, D, C

## Thomas

1. Thomas is a grocery bagger and just received a pay raise. He is wondering how this raise will affect his monthly SSI checks. (E)
2. Thomas gets on the Choose Work website and finds the Ticket to Work helpline number. (D)
3. Thomas calls the Ticket to Work helpline for more information. (C)
4. A Ticket to Work helpline representative confirms Thomas's information and SSI status. (A)
5. A benefits counselor called Thomas back the following week. They received Thomas's information from the Ticket to Work representative. (F)
6. Thomas's benefits counselor tells him that his raise may decrease the amount of SSI he receives per month. He also reminds him that he will be making more money each month with his raise, even if he receives less SSI. (B)

Correct Order: E, D, C, A, F, B

## Thomas

1. Miranda currently receives SSI checks based on her parents' income. She is about to turn 18 and wants to know if her SSI will change. (A)
2. Miranda asks her teacher for help, and they give her the local Social Security office number. (C)
3. The Social Security office refers her to Ticket to Work and gives her the helpline number to call. (E)
4. Miranda calls the Ticket to Work helpline and a representative takes down her contact information. (D)
5. A benefits counselor calls Miranda the next morning to help answer her questions. (B)
6. Miranda's benefits counselor tells her that when she turns 18, she will need to file for SSI based on her own income rather than her parents'. (F)

Correct Order: A, C, E, D, B, F