



World Institute
on Disability

Disability Benefits 101

Missouri

Redesigned to Better Serve Users

Objective



- Show the free, easy-to-use information and tools of the newly redesigned MO DB101 (www.mo.db101.org) site to obtain employment goals and self-sufficiency
- Show how MO DB101 can be used to:
 - Understand SSI/SSDI rules/work incentives and the impact of employment on state/federal benefits
 - Explain impact of earnings on benefits by using the Estimators
 - Debunk the myths about losing benefits when working that are just not true
 - Motivate and support plans for employment

One Tool, So Much Information



MO Disability Benefits 101 (MO DB101) is a user-friendly, Missouri-specific, website for people with disabilities that helps work through the myths and confusion of Social Security benefits, healthcare, employment, and more within an easy-to-use, intuitive online site.

Missouri Disability Benefits 101
www.mo.db101.org

One-stop 24/7/365 Accurate Information



- No need to be an expert (or find an expert)
- Easy-to-navigate information
- Safe Harbor: no private identifying information
- Understand benefit/work program interactions with user-friendly estimators with related content
- Short videos explaining SSI and SSDI and impact of work
- Access to local, state, and national resources
- Ease fears

Redesigned



Redesigned utilized industry best practices for responsive design

- Better reflects the diversity of the users
- Features modern design upgrades in appearance and function
- Adds new accessibility enhancements
- Easier to navigate
 - Guides the user quickly to the most highly relevant content for their situation
- Accessible from all types of devices
 - Fully optimized for a range of mobile devices and screen sizes

New Features and Content



- User registration feature allows detailed analytics for professionals. Not necessary for individual users
- My DB101 feature
 - Pin content and tools as favorites
 - Retrieve Estimators sessions quicker
- “What Benefits Do I Get?”
 - New content helps identify and obtain user’s benefits information
 - Also linked directly into the Benefits and Work Estimator
- Newly reformatted bar graph Benefits and Work Estimator results look clearly shows work impact on benefits

What will happen to income, benefits, and health coverage when receiving disability benefits and go to work?

- Enter actual earnings or estimated earnings to estimate income, benefits, and health coverage
 - **Benefits and Work Estimator:** For people aged 18-64 using public disability benefits
 - **School and Work Estimator:** For young people under 18 on SSI
 - **SSI/SSDI Quick Estimators:** A quick way to determine impact of work

SSI/SSDI Quick Estimator



Great way to quickly motivate and debunk myths

- Afterwards individuals are more willing to go through a complete Estimator session.
- Both the SSI and SSDI sections
 - SSI and Work
 - SSDI and Work

🔧 On SSI? Get a quick estimate of how working may affect your income

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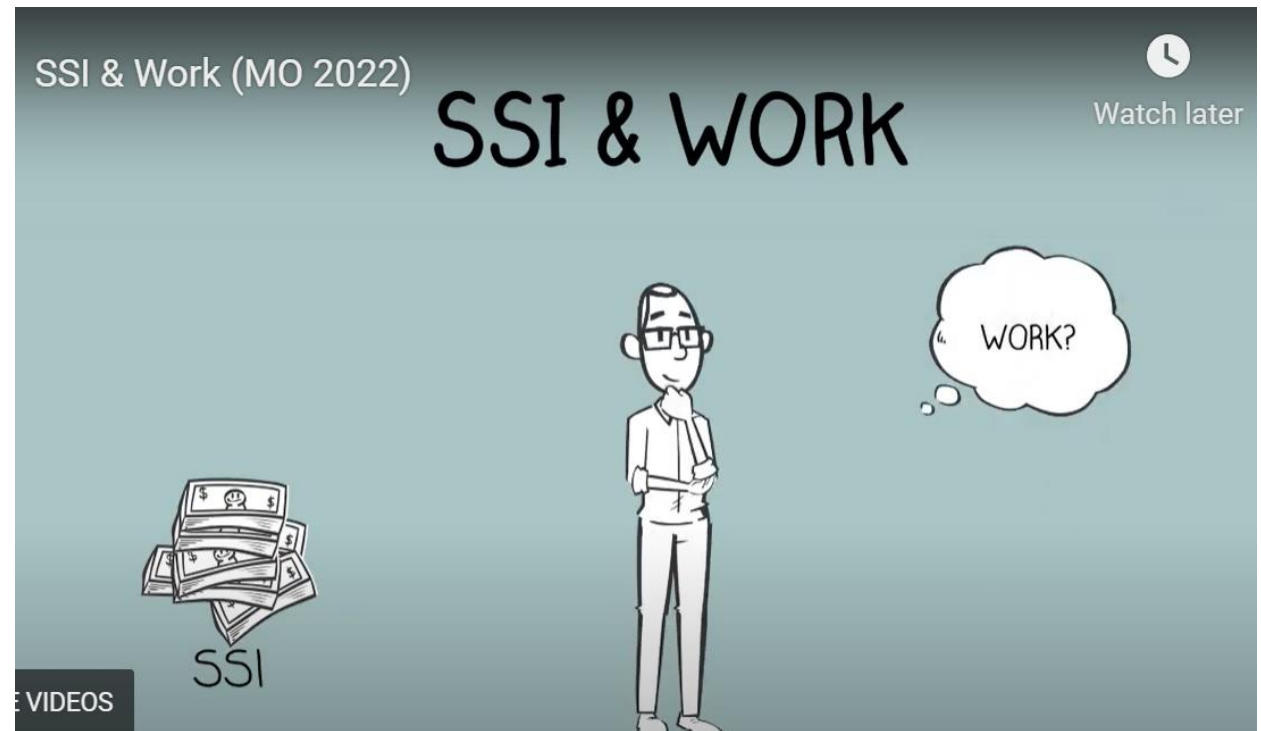
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- **Going to Work:** Make work a part of the plan.
- **Managing Your Money Content:** What to do with the earned money.
- **Cash Benefits:** Programs that may help pay for basic needs.
- **Health Coverage:** Programs that can help with staying healthy.
- **Benefits for Young People:** Important benefit programs for young people and how to apply.
- **Getting a Higher Education:** Different education options, rights as a student with a disability, ways to pay for school, and more.
- **Sudden Onset Disability:** Basic introduction to the resources, benefits, and laws that can help when recently became disabled.

Learn more about benefits, and see how work can help you get to your best life.

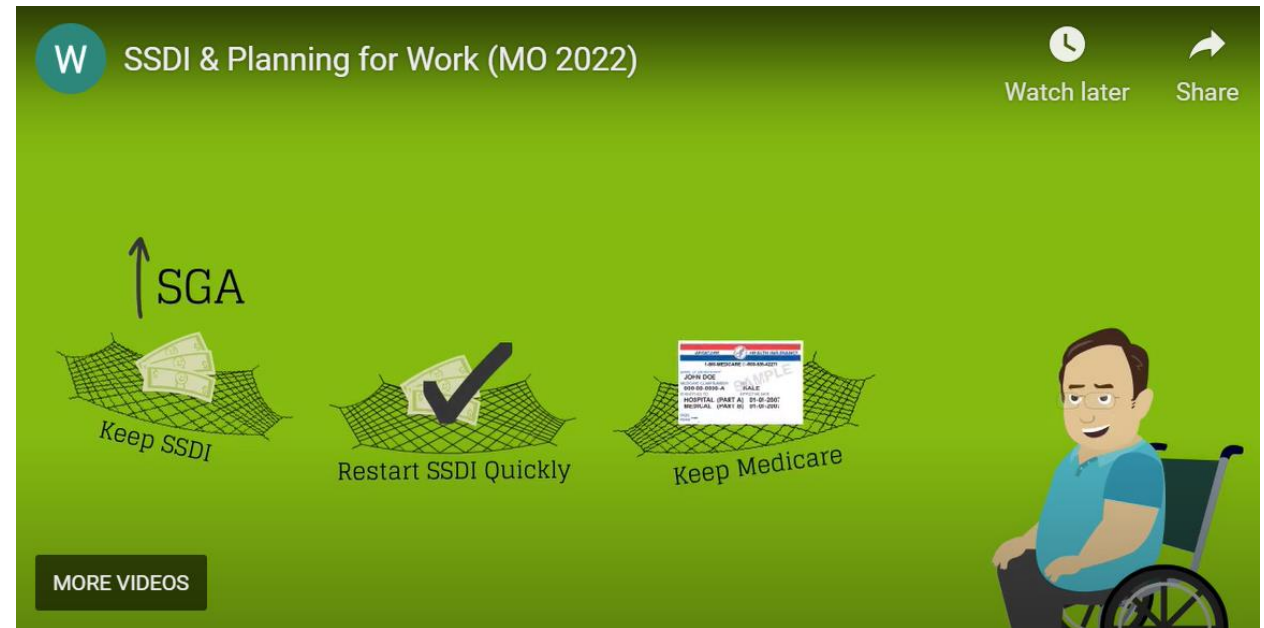
- **What is SSI?** Learn about how SSI can help you - and what the three requirements for getting it are.
- **SSI and Work** Learn more about SSI & Work
- **SSI and Youth who Work** Learn what happens to SSI when young people go to work.



Benefits Videos



- **What is SSDI?** Learn about how SSDI can help you, and what its requirements are.
- **SSDI & Planning for Work** Learn how planning helps you know what to expect with your SSDI when you go to work.
- **SSDI Work Incentives** Understand how SSDI's rules can help you when you go back to work.





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