

Fact Sheet

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR Ticket to Work

Expanding Workforce Participation through the Power of Partnerships

As part of an ongoing and intensive campaign to boost interest and mobilize communities to build more networks for employment for people with disabilities, MAXIMUS, a government services company and the designated Ticket to Work Program Manager, has formed a National Alliance with three strategic partners to enhance awareness of the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work Program. The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) will lead the Alliance, with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and Wilder Center for Communities (WCC) joining forces as core partners. Additional support will be provided by the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Ticket to Work

Ticket to Work (TTW) is an employment program for people with disabilities who are interested in going to work. Under the Program, the Social Security Administration provides disability beneficiaries with a "Ticket" they may use to access the services and jobs they need from Employment Networks (ENs). An EN is any agency or private entity that takes responsibility for the actual delivery of services or the coordination/referral of services. ENs can be a single entity, a partnership or an alliance of entities collaborating to combine resources to serve Ticket-holders.

National Alliance Key Initiatives

During 2005, The National Alliance for Ticket to Work is supporting grassroots campaigns in five U.S. communities that will focus on offering public/private partnership development resources and technical assistance in order to attract, engage and sustain local service provider and business interest. The campaign will:

- Mobilize, engage and stimulate involvement of local elected officials, community leaders, providers and businesses;
- Increase the number of ENs and EN partners deciding to serve local Ticket-holders; and
- Create national, state and local awareness of the Ticket to Work Program with the government, nonprofit, education and business sectors.

This campaign will assist in expanding workforce participation through the power of partnerships as a result of the following key initiatives:

National Alliance Launch

The National Alliance unveiled its collaboration and project activities at NAWB's annual Forum on March 3-5, 2005 in Washington, DC. Additionally, the local, regional, and national meetings of Alliance partners will provide opportunities to similarly introduce the effort to their members.

Strategic Partners

National Association of
Workforce Boards
www.nawb.org

National Association
of Counties
www.naco.org

Wilder Center for
Communities
www.wilder.org/training

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Community Outreach Events

Following the national launch, grassroots campaigns will begin at five large-scale community outreach events and will involve local stakeholders of The National Alliance's network consisting of local employers, workforce investment boards and chief local elected officials among others. The five communities and dates for the outreach events are:

- Los Angeles/San Diego Area, CA (April 5 & 6, 2005)
- Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX (April 19 & 20, 2005)
- Detroit, MI (May 3 & 4, 2005)
- Miami, FL (May 17 & 18, 2005)
- New York, NY (June 7 & 8, 2005)

To register for an event online, please visit www.nawb.org/alliance/registration or call the National Alliance at 202.775.0960.

Community Partnership Development and Training

Following the community outreach events, a continuum of training support provided by Wilder Center for Communities will establish a framework for creating local partnerships through the use of proven tools and techniques. The following activities will provide successful partnership models, customized curriculum and other resources to participating communities:

- Partnership Training
- Sustainer/Capacity-Building Workshops
- Technical Assistance and Support

Key Outcomes

This campaign will create a new community awareness about the potential resources ENs can provide in helping Ticket-holders transition to employment and establish a solid foundation to continue the support and development of strategic partnerships in building local capacity.

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