

We provide you with the knowledge, experience and encouragement to be assertive when faced with obstacles to your independent living goals.

All people should be able to make decisions affecting their own lives.

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### Vocational Services for Consumers



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*Dedicated to supporting YOUR rights.*

*Working to empower YOU to make choices.*

*Advocating for change that helps YOU become included in your community.*

## ***What is DNEC?***

DNEC is a nonprofit agency serving persons of all ages and all disability types who reside in eastern Connecticut. DNEC utilizes peer mentoring, self-advocacy and independent living skills training to assist individuals with disabilities to reenter or remain in the community and to make meaningful life choices.

## ***What are Employment Services?***

Employment services assist individuals with disabilities to find and to maintain meaningful employment. The services include job preparation, work adjustment training, task analysis, on-site job training, and job coaching.

Training is provided to develop interpersonal and social skills, understanding company policies, rules, benefits, and transportation training for independent travel to work.

## ***Who is eligible?***

Anyone who has a disability that affects their ability to work.

## ***What can DNEC provide?***

Career Counseling and Guidance, Job Search Assistance, Job Site Assessment, Job Site Accommodation Advice, Job Placement and Job Coaching.

## ***How Does this Program Work? What if someone is receiving benefits?***

It is possible for someone to work and continue to receive Social Security benefits and health insurance (Medicare/Medicaid).

DNEC has a CWIC (Community Partner Work Incentive Counselor) on staff to provide benefits counseling.

For example: *Ticket to Work*.

The goal of the national Ticket to Work program is to give people receiving disability benefits the chance to achieve steady, long-term employment.

Eligible beneficiaries receive "Tickets" from the Social Security Administration then contact an Employment Network Agency, such as DNEC, to "assign" their ticket.

After an Individual Work Plan (IWP) is developed with the counselor, the ticket is "in use".

As long as the consumer is making "timely progress" to their IWP goals, no Medical Continuing Disability Reviews take place and the consumer's existing benefits remain in place.

Other possible scenarios can be explored with the CWIC's help.

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