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**Social Security Wraps Up Summer *Ticket to Work* Employment Conferences and Expos in Philadelphia on September 12<sup>th</sup>**

*More than 2,000 participants have attended this nationwide 10-city tour helping Beneficiaries with disabilities navigate the employment process*

**WHAT:**

Social Security has been on the road this summer hosting a series of *Ticket to Work* Conferences and Expos (Expos) around the country to promote increased use of the *Ticket to Work* program. Using the theme “It Pays to Check It Out!” these one-day Expos have drawn more than 2,000 participants and have:

- Introduced beneficiaries to the employment search process, interview skills and strategies that they may need to achieve successful employment; and
- Made the process of finding the right job manageable and straightforward for *Ticket*-holders and others with disabilities who are interested in finding employment.

On-site at the Philadelphia Expo, participants have access to:

- Keynote address from Tom Sullivan, an actor, singer, entertainer, author, and producer who was born blind.
- Classes taught by Social Security representatives including benefits assessment and counseling, and how to navigate the *Ticket to Work* program;
- Classes taught by job specialists from Monster.com on general career counseling and resume building skills;
- Panel discussion with Q&A on interview strategies that are specific to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and
- Face-to-face interaction with local participants including ARAMARK, Cingular Wireless, DeVry University, Hyatt Hotels, Philadelphia CareerLinks, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, and Sprint.

**WHEN:**

**Monday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**General Session & Keynote Address: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Meet and Greet with Keynote Speaker: 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**WHERE:**

**Pennsylvania Convention Center**  
**1101 Arch Street**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19107**  
**P: 800-428-9000 or 215-418-4700**  
**Room 201 A-C**

**Venue Details:**

This venue is handicapped accessible and can be reached by various forms of public transportation. See contact info for directions, venue inquiries and special requests.

**WHY:**

*Ticket to Work* is an innovative program from Social Security that helps individuals with disabilities who are trying to find rewarding employment. A free and voluntary program, *Ticket to Work* connects Social Security disability beneficiaries to various programs – from employment to vocational rehabilitation – so they have the tools, assistance, and guidance they need to find the right job.

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Designed to support Social Security disability beneficiaries throughout the process of employment, *Ticket to Work* acts as a safety net for Ticket-holders until they are certain they've found the right job. *Ticket to Work* aims to: increase beneficiary choice in obtaining rehabilitation and vocational services; remove barriers that require people with disabilities to choose between healthcare coverage and work; assure that more beneficiaries with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in the workforce and; eventually lessen dependence on public benefits.

**For attendee inquiries and requests related to special on-site needs\*:**

Web site: [www.tickettoworkexpos.com](http://www.tickettoworkexpos.com)

E-mail: [TicketToWork@fleishman.com](mailto:TicketToWork@fleishman.com)

\*Interpreters will be available onsite

Call our automated toll-free number to RSVP or to leave a message regarding any special needs: 1-800-669-0502

**For directions to the Expo at the Philadelphia Convention Center:**

P: 800-428-9000

Web site: <http://www.paconvention.com/>

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