



NORTHEAST REGION

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Ticket to Work: Fact vs. Fiction

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: As an EN, my organization is required to serve every Ticket-holder that comes through the door.

FACT! The Ticket to Work Program is a voluntary Program for the Ticket-holder and in most situations, for the Employment Network, based on rules governing their organization. Through the EN RFP and a subsequent EN contract with SSA, Employment Networks elect which specific services they want to offer, which types of people they are capable of serving, in which geographical area.

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: Ticket to Work is only available to eligible Ticket-holders in some states across the country.

FACT! With the implementation of Phase III beginning in November 2003, all states and US territories are now a part of the Program.

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: SSA is no longer accepting applications for new ENs.

FACT! The application process is open-ended and non-competitive. To date, SSA has received nearly 1,300 applications. The need for many more ENs is still great.

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: Only non-profit organizations can apply to become ENs.

FACT! An EN can be any public or private agency, organization, business or entity, or combination of, that can provide or arrange for the delivery of employment related services or jobs. Only MAXIMUS and federal government agencies cannot become ENs.

Fact or Fiction?

FICTION: ENs must pay for MAXIMUS Ticket to Work training.

FACT! All MAXIMUS Ticket to Work training is free. Visit the Training portion of our website for details: www.yourtickettowork.com/training

What's New?

Table with 2 columns: Metric and Value. Metrics include Approved Employment Networks (1,102), EN Applications Received (1,217), Tickets Released (6,551,126), Tickets Assigned (36,000), and EN Revenue (\$450,000).

Northeast Region – State Snapshot

State	Ticket Holders	Employment Networks*
Connecticut	85,000	29
Delaware	21,000	19
District of Columbia	20,000	27
Maine	52,900	19
Maryland	116,000	31
Massachusetts	203,000	60
New Jersey	202,000	44
New York	614,000	124
Pennsylvania	395,200	47
Rhode Island	36,400	12
Vermont	18,500	13
Virginia	201,500	48
West Virginia	111,600	21

Northeast Region – City Snapshot

City	Number of Tickets
New York, NY	642,000
Philadelphia, PA	201,400
Boston, MA	197,000
Washington, DC/Baltimore, MD	155,200
Pittsburgh, PA	82,100
Providence, RI	64,900
Hartford, CT	50,300
Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY	49,600
Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA	44,600
Rochester	40,900

*Includes regional and national Employment Networks, as well as State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies

New Northeast Region Employment Networks*

Goodwill Industries of Northeastern Pennsylvania	Scranton, PA
Linda M. Almeida	Lynn, MA
Keystone Community Mental Health Services	Harrisburg, PA
Goodwill Industries of Kyowva Area, Inc.	Huntington, WV
Alpha One	South Portland, ME
Capitol College	Laurel, MD
Crenshaw Counseling and Associates, LLC	Alexandria, VA
Jewish Social Service Agency of the Washington Metro Area	Rockville, MD
Momentum, Inc.	Casco, ME
Allies, Inc.	Bangor, ME
Career Opportunity Consultants	New York, NY
Community Resources Job Independence, Inc.	Erie, PA

*This is a partial list of Employment Networks approved since December 2003. To find all approved ENs visit our online EN Directory: www.yourtickettowork.com/endir

Want to get involved? Apply to be an Employment Network!

To apply to become an **Employment Network**, an open-ended and non-competitive RFP (Solicitation Number SSA-RFP-03-0010C) is now available for electronic downloading through a link on the Ticket website. You can link to this website by visiting www.yourtickettowork.com and click on “Download the RFP” on the left-hand side of your screen. Simply follow the instructions. **If you cannot download the RFP**, please feel free to give us a call – we can walk you through the process or mail a hard copy to you.

Once you have successfully downloaded or received the RFP, MAXIMUS staff will be happy to help you with the completion process! We will help you every step of the way. Give us a call –our contact information is available on the last page of this newsletter.

Get out of the office! Meet the MAXIMUS Ticket to Work Staff at the following events (Northeastern Region Events are shaded in gray)

FEBRUARY		
The Emerging Workforce	Weston, FL	February 9-10
White House Faith Based Initiative Conference Series	Phoenix, AZ	February 12
MAXIMUS EN Capitalization Training	San Francisco, CA	February 17
MAXIMUS EN Capitalization Training	Phoenix, AZ	February 19
League for Innovation, Innovations 2004 Conference	San Francisco, CA	February 29-March 3
Federation of American Hospitals Public Policy Conference and Business Expo	Washington, DC	February 29-March 3
MARCH		
National Community Action Foundation (NCAF) 2004 Legislative Conference	Washington, DC	March 3-4
American Federation for the Blind: 18th Josephine L. Taylor Leadership Institute Conference	Washington, DC	March 5-7
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) Employment and Community Based Services Annual Conference	Tucson, AZ	March 7-9
National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Forum 2004 - A Skilled Workforce	Washington, DC	March 14-16
National School Boards Association Annual Conference	Orlando, FL	March 27-30
APRIL		
National Annual Conference - United Cerebral Palsy	Boston, MA	April 1-3
Abilities Expo	Edison, NJ	April 16-18
National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Annual Conference	Washington, DC	April 20-23
American Association of Community Colleges Annual Conference	Minneapolis, MN	April 24-27
"Helping Rural Communities Work" The Rural Conference 2004	Austin, TX	April 25-27
MAY		
YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities Annual 25 th Annual International Conference on MR/DD	New York, NY	May 3-7
Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel	Washington, DC	May 18-20
15 th Annual National Association of Workforce Development Professionals	Portland, OR	May 23-26
National Rural Healthcare & Rural Minority & Multicultural Health Annual Conferences	San Diego, CA	May 24-30

To see the complete conference calendar, visit: www.yourtickettowork.com/calendar



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I would like to receive specific information on (check all that apply):

- Becoming an Employment Network
- Payment Options
- Supplemental Funding Resources/EN Capitalization Directory
- Current Approved ENs (list geographical area, state, and/or sector):