

Pre-Employment Transition Services Benefits Orientation Information

For dissemination to students:

- Who will be completing a VR PAID Work-Based Learning Experience (WBLE) and
- Individually or as a household receive SSI, Medicaid, DHHS Economic Assistance benefits, or Housing Assistance

Things to know:

- VR Paid work-based learning experience income must be reported to the agency providing the benefit
- SSI will exclude up to \$2,410/month or \$9,730/year (2026) under the Student Earned Income Exclusion
- Medicaid and DHHS Economic Assistance Programs indicate income from a VR paid work-based learning experience is considered a training allowance and will not affect benefits
- Nebraska Dept of Education HR will respond to/complete income verification question or forms from DHHS; contact your VR Specialist if you receive one

How to Report WBLE pay to DHSS and Housing

For the following Programs:	Report on-line or call
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Low Income Home Energy Assistance-LIHEAP- SNAP (Food Stamps)- Aid to Dependent Children (ADC/TANF)- Aid to Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD)	https://iserve.nebraska.gov or (800) 383-4278
Medicaid	https://iserve.nebraska.gov or Lincoln (402) 473-7000; Omaha (402) 595-1178; All other communities (855) 632-7633
Housing Assistance	Report to the local Housing Authority

IMPORTANT: State that the income is a training allowance paid by VR and is not considered earnings from employment of the student.

How to report VR Paid Work-Based Learning Experience to Social Security (SSI)

Call Social Security at (866) 772-0953. State that you are reporting pay of a student who receives SSI and qualifies for the Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE).

Other Resource:

ABLE Account (In Nebraska, the program is called Enable) and it helps people with disabilities to save money and maintain benefits. To learn more call (402) 450-3134, Toll-free (1-844-ENABLE4) or visit: <https://www.enablesavings.com/>