

Fast Facts

SSA 2002 Benefit Rates

(Valid for 2002 only)

Substantial Gainful Activity

\$780 per month

\$1,300 per month - Blind Persons

\$560 per month - Trial Work Period

SSI Federal Benefit Rate

Individual: \$545 per month (maximum)

Couple: \$817 per month (maximum)

SSI Student Earned Income Exclusion

\$1,320 per month

\$5,340 per year

SSI Resource Limit

Individual: \$2,000

Couple: \$3,000

To contact the Social Security Administration

**On the web:
WWW.SSA.GOV**

**Voice:
1-800-772-1213**

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A FREE SERVICE
*to assist you in your
decision to work.*

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES:

*Are you interested
We
in working
can
but afraid of
Help!
losing benefits?*

**BENEFITS PLANNING,
ASSISTANCE &
OUTREACH**

**Helping *You*
Return to
Work**

BENEFITS PLANNING ASSISTANCE & OUTREACH

To contact a BPAO program:

1-866-352-2725

If you are like many people with disabilities who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you may want to work but worry that working may cause you to lose your cash benefits and health care coverage.

The BPAO program can help!

The Social Security Administration offers Work Incentives which can extend your benefits should you return to work. A Benefits Specialist can help you learn about these work incentives as well as other resources and supports that may be available to assist you in returning to work.

Confidential Free Services:

BENEFITS PLANNING

- ✓ Work Incentives
- ✓ Work and your Benefits
- ✓ Deciding to Return to Work

BENEFITS ASSISTANCE

- ✓ How to Report your Wages
- ✓ Understanding your Benefits
- ✓ Benefits Management

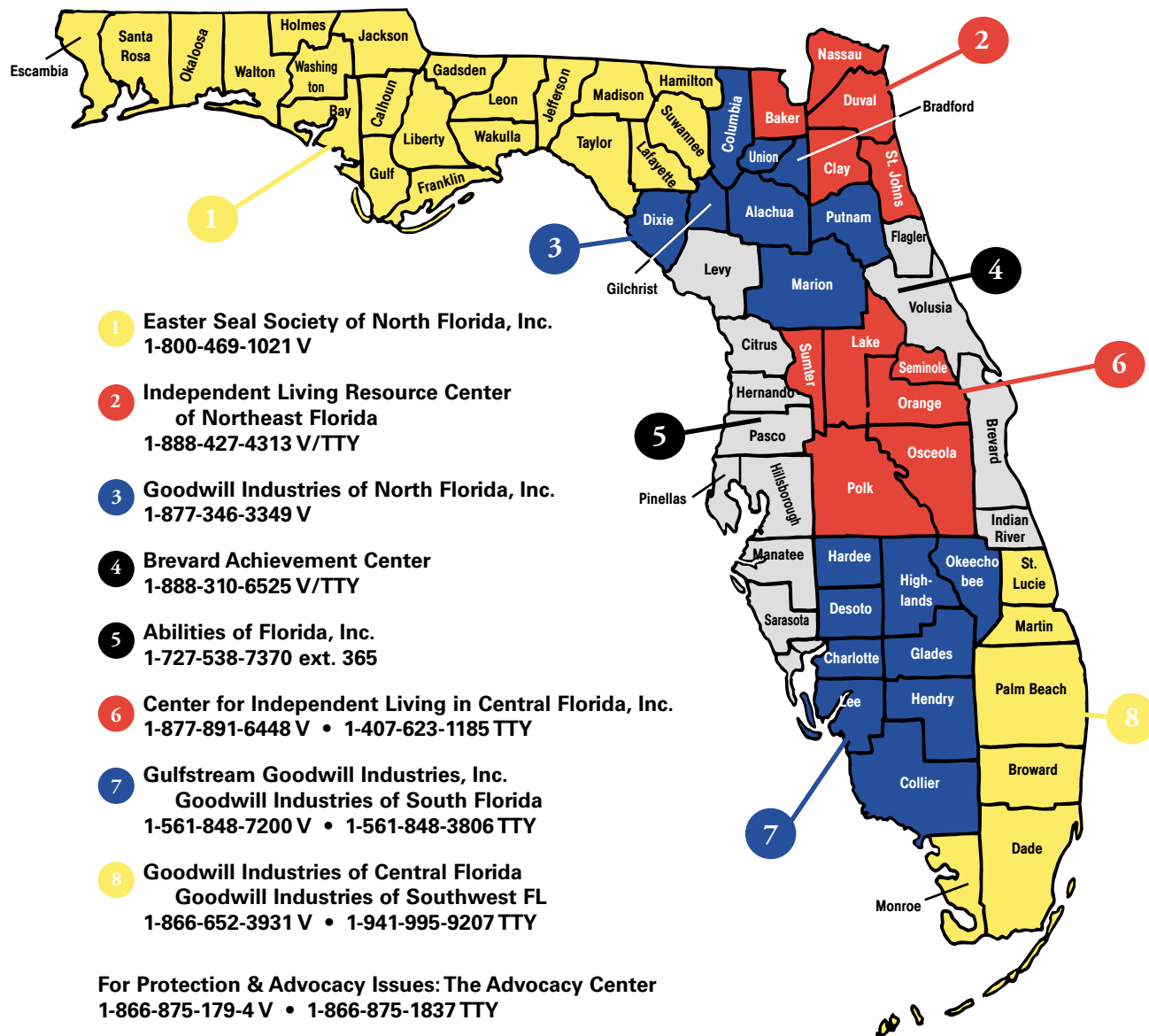
OUTREACH

- ✓ Community Presentations
- ✓ Provider Training
- ✓ Referral Services

PEOPLE WE SERVE

- ✓ SSI/SSDI Beneficiaries between ages 14-65
- ✓ Parents/Guardians
- ✓ Other Supporters
- ✓ Service Providers

The **Resource Locator Map** can help you pinpoint valuable programs and services at a location nearest to you or call our toll-free number for assistance.



- 1 **Easter Seal Society of North Florida, Inc.**
1-800-469-1021 V
- 2 **Independent Living Resource Center of Northeast Florida**
1-888-427-4313 V/TTY
- 3 **Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc.**
1-877-346-3349 V
- 4 **Brevard Achievement Center**
1-888-310-6525 V/TTY
- 5 **Abilities of Florida, Inc.**
1-727-538-7370 ext. 365
- 6 **Center for Independent Living in Central Florida, Inc.**
1-877-891-6448 V • 1-407-623-1185 TTY
- 7 **Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Inc.**
Goodwill Industries of South Florida
1-561-848-7200 V • 1-561-848-3806 TTY
- 8 **Goodwill Industries of Central Florida**
Goodwill Industries of Southwest FL
1-866-652-3931 V • 1-941-995-9207 TTY

For Protection & Advocacy Issues: The Advocacy Center
1-866-875-179-4 V • 1-866-875-1837 TTY

You can make a well-informed decision about working!