

# PARTNERSHIP PLUS

THE BENEFITS ARE CLEAR...

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DVR & LOQW IS A SMART MOVE

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and Learning Opportunities/Quality Works, Inc. (LOQW) can significantly expand the population of people that we support throughout Northeast Missouri.

*Ticketholders who wouldn't normally be served by LOQW can now be served through Partnership Plus and the Ticket to Work Program. This becomes a WIN, WIN, WIN situation for Ticketholders, DVR, & LOQW!*

## BENEFITS TO BENEFICIARIES

*Partnership Plus* allows a seamless handoff of services to LOQW after a VR Counselor closes a beneficiary's case.

This benefits the beneficiary in many ways, including:

- Making individualized, sequential services available to beneficiaries (ticketholders).
- Strengthening partnerships between VR & LOQW to expand the scope of employment and training services and supports available to beneficiaries.
- Improving the coordination of services and supports available to beneficiaries.
- Allowing beneficiaries that require more intensive support to be served by VR, stabilized in employment, and provided up to three to five additional years of employment support by LOQW, Inc.
- Providing new funding to support ongoing services and supports for beneficiaries in Supported Employment programs.
- Allowing beneficiaries who may require extensive training supports or academic preparation to receive those services from VR while preserving their Ticket for later use in securing post-employment or job retention services.
- Providing additional resources to cultivate career paths for beneficiaries who seek to advance in employment or secure higher paying jobs.

## QUALIFIED PERSONNEL YOU CAN TRUST

LOQW realizes that the fear of losing benefits; concerns over health insurance, overpayments, or sudden termination are often the biggest obstacle in returning to work. For this reason we have developed the Comprehensive Benefits Planning Program which is led by Kris Potterfield, a Certified Benefits Specialist.

This program is designed to provide Social Security recipients with individualized benefits counseling and follow up services to insure they achieve their work related goals without significantly impacting their benefits or their quality of life.



Social Security Beneficiaries are expecting more in terms of employment and training services as they work through their Career Planning & Self-Discovery. *Partnership Plus* and Ticket to Work can help meet these expectations.



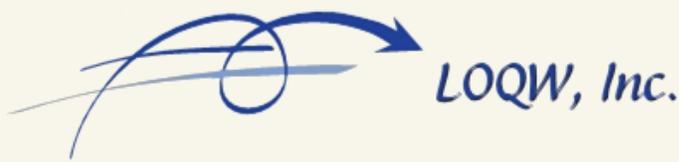
# Why Ticket to Work? Why partner?? Why now???

Because the time is right to increase successful closures, improve the quality of service we provide to beneficiaries, & expand our customer base.



It is expected that DVR will see an increase in their Cost Reimbursement (CR) payments as beneficiaries receive assistance from LOQW to help them maintain their employment and/or increase their work effort after DVR case closure occurs.

As beneficiaries receive post-employment assistance, increasing numbers are likely to work for nine months within a 12 month period with earnings above the applicable SGA level and, as a result, DVR will be able to submit increasing numbers of CR claims.



## BENEFITS TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION OFFICES

- Strengthens all partners involved by increasing Cost Reimbursement payments to DVR & Ticket payments to LOQW.
- Emphasizes collaborative relationships that focus on providing beneficiaries access to long-term employment supports.
- Focuses on long-term competitive employment. Real Work for Real Wages!
- Provides an alternative for ticketholders who seek VR services and are placed on a waiting list based on the implementation of an Order of Selection.
- Gives beneficiaries the opportunity to receive services and supports from an EN prior to the opening of a VR case in an effort to increase the benefit of VR services when they are provided.
- Reduces the number of VR cases that need to be reopened by providing beneficiaries access to ongoing support services or job retention services that may enable beneficiaries to retain their employment.
- Provides the opportunity for LOQW to be involved in identifying and referring beneficiaries to DVR for services.
- Ensures that the intent and requirements of Title 1 of the Rehabilitation Act are achieved.
- Emphasizes maintaining and expanding best practices and ethical standards and support for consumer rights and choices.