

Additional Work Incentives for Blind Individuals Receiving SSI

Blind Work Expenses (BWEs)

- ◆ All expenses that enable a person to work.
- ◆ Expenses **DO NOT** need to be related to a person's blindness.
- ◆ BWE is deducted dollar for dollar from total countable earned income.
- ◆ Example: If a person has \$100 in allowable expenses, their countable earned income may be reduced by \$100.

Blind Work Expense Examples

- ◆ Federal, State, and local income taxes
- ◆ Professional association fees
- ◆ Union dues
- ◆ Meals eaten at work
- ◆ Transportation to work and from work
- ◆ Work-related equipment
- ◆ Attendant care services
- ◆ Services animals and expenses related to them
- ◆ Translation of materials into Braille
- ◆ Visual and sensory aids