



## HOW CAN I START

### A PAID INTERNSHIP?

Contact your regional center service coordinator and let them know you are interested in the PIP.

You and your planning team can identify ways to start a paid internship.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING, IT IS POSSIBLE!**

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Talk to your regional center service coordinator or scan the QR code to visit the DDS website.



[www.dds.ca.gov/services/work-services](http://www.dds.ca.gov/services/work-services)

### GET IN TOUCH



## PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (PIP)

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS

### OF DOING A PAID INTERNSHIP?



It gives you a chance to try out jobs you are interested in



You can learn new job skills



You can add your internship experience to your resume



You could be hired by the place where you worked as an intern



It is a pathway to competitive integrated employment

## KEY FEATURES OF THE PIP

- ▶ You can start while still in high school as long as you are 18 years old
- ▶ You can receive job supports for your paid internship

## WHAT HAPPENS TO MY BENEFITS WHEN I START A JOB?

The Disability Benefits 101 website is a good place to learn more about how working will affect your Social Security and Medi-Cal benefits. For more information, visit [ca.DB101.org](http://ca.DB101.org).



## WHAT IS THE PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM?

The Paid Internship Program (PIP) is a way for you to be paid minimum wage or more when working as an intern. As an intern, you can work up to 1,040 hours in a year.

