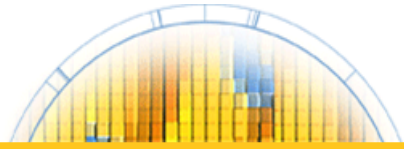


Marketplace news, opportunities and experiences from the Ticket to Work Marketing Department



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## By the numbers:

- EN Applicants: **1,590**
- Approved ENs: **1,320**
- Tickets Mailed: **10,669,222**
- Tickets in Assignment: **93,044**
- Payments Made to ENs: **\$2,221,299**
- Number of Milestone/Outcome payments made: **6,601**
- Number of ENs/State VR agencies that received EN payments: **247**
- Number of beneficiaries for whom payments were made: **1,201**

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## National Alliance for Ticket to Work Hosts Community Forums Promoting Awareness, Partnerships in Five Cities

In recent months, the National Alliance for Ticket to Work, a collaboration between MAXIMUS, the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), the National Association of Counties (NACo), and Fieldstone Alliance (formerly known as Wilder Center for Communities), has hosted a series of Community Outreach Forums (COFs) designed to engage and inspire local service providers, businesses, workforce development professionals, government agencies and elected officials to champion the cause of employment of individuals with disabilities.

Held in five metropolitan areas across the country — Los Angeles/San Diego, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Detroit, Miami, and New York City — the Forums brought together nearly 1,000 civic, business, nonprofit, and education leaders and offered insight into the value of forming lasting, meaningful relationships in order to better serve the needs of people with disabilities. In addition to testimonials from ENs, employers, and key stakeholders, each of the two-day events featured intensive, hands-on partnership-building exercises led by representatives of Fieldstone Alliance.

Stephanie Powers, Chief Executive Officer of NAWB, kicked off each event with a “Call to Action,” challenging attendees to break down barriers and encourage both themselves and their communities to actively support and employ Ticket-holders.

Powers’ appeal was echoed in each community by elected officials and government representatives, including Ron Wright, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Arlington, TX; Carolyn Williams Meza, COO of the City



NAWB Chief Executive Officer Stephanie Powers encourages attendees to support Ticket-Holders in their communities.

of Detroit Executive Office; The Honorable Kay Beard, Wayne County (MI) Commissioner; Matt Sapolin, Executive Director, Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (NY); Berthy De La Rosa-Aponte, Chairperson, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel; Sue Suter, Associate Commissioner of the Social Security Administration’s Office of Employment Support Programs; and Paul Doersam, Deputy Regional Commissioner, New York Regional Office, Social Security Administration.

The Calls to Action were also heeded by various dedicated workforce development professionals, including representatives of the San Bernardino County WIB; Los Angeles County WIB; City of Los Angeles Community Development Department; Detroit Workforce Development Department; Tarrant County (TX) Workforce Development Board; Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce; South Florida Workforce; Miami-Dade Business Leadership Network; City of New York Department of Youth and Community Development; and the New York City WIB.

Day one of each COF featured two highly

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## Ticket to Work: The Power of Partnerships



### Spotlight on New and Unique Sources of Ticket to Work Program Resources, Funding

#### NATIONAL ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES NEW “SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS”

On June 7, 2005, following a competitive RFP process, the National Alliance for Ticket to Work announced the names of eight organizations that have been selected to serve as “Sustainability Champions” in five communities across the United States. These organizations will support and extend the work of the National Alliance on a grassroots level by sustaining and growing existing Ticket to Work Employment Networks (ENs).

As Sustainability Champions, these organizations will receive partnership and capacity-building training and technical support from Fieldstone Alliance throughout the summer and will serve as ongoing local Ticket to Work champions in their communities. The resulting increase in the quantity and capacity of ENs will lead to greater resources to help more Ticket-holders find gainful and fulfilling employment.

The announcement of the selection of Sustainability Champions falls on the heels of the National Alliance’s fifth and final two-day Community Outreach Forum in New York City and is part of an awareness campaign designed to increase the understanding of community leaders, educational institutions, and the private business sector about the Ticket to Work Program and Ticket-holders as an untapped source of workers.

Irma Resendez, Executive Director of Los Angeles-based Fa-

milia Unida Living with Multiple Sclerosis, said the following upon learning of their selection:

*“We are excited about this new collaboration and look forward to working with the National Alliance for Ticket to Work and continued work with Goodwill Industries of Southern California....This is a very important journey and we have a lot to do; this partnership will be an invaluable service to our diverse community living with a disability or illness and interested in going to work. Thanks again for this opportunity on behalf of the Familia Unida Team!”*

Selected Sustainability Champions:	
<u>Dallas/ Ft. Worth</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WorkSource for Dallas County</li> </ul>
<u>Detroit</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detroit Workforce Development Department</li> </ul>
<u>Los Angeles</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodwill Southern California</li> <li>• Familia Unida Living with Multiple Sclerosis</li> </ul>
<u>Miami</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Florida Workforce</li> <li>• Romell International Corporation</li> </ul>
<u>New York City</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York</li> </ul>



#### COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION FUNDS TICKET TO WORK OUTREACH CONDUCTED BY THREE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ADVOCATES

Founded in 1998, the Community Technology Foundation of California (CTF) is a public foundation investing in community technology for access, equity and social justice for California's underserved communities. Created by a groundbreaking coalition of 134 organizations and leaders, CTF seeks to build the capacity of communities to understand, design, and use information and communications technology for social change.

CTF recently awarded three grants to support California disability service organizations in their participation in the Ticket to Work Program. The three organizations that were awarded grants are Goodwill Industries of Southern California (EN), TODEC Legal Center, and Familia Unida Living with Multiple Sclerosis (BPAOs). MAXIMUS has worked with CTF to assist in research for these grant awards.

Award recipient Familia Unida Living with Multiple Sclerosis received \$100,000 to increase their technology capacity for improving Ticket to Work service delivery to populations with multiple sclerosis in Spanish, Japanese, English, and Chinese.

In addition, TODEC Legal Center was awarded \$100,000 to expand their technology capacity to improve Ticket to Work service delivery to people with disabilities in the rural and semi-rural region of San Bernardino, Imperial, and Riverside counties.

To support their mobile Ticket Advocate Program, Goodwill Industries of Southern California received \$91,701 to provide outreach, education, and technical assistance for Ticket to Work Employment Network services in greater Los Angeles.

CTF, along with each of the award recipients, spoke on a panel at the Santa Ana Community Outreach Forum and outlined some of the measures they have taken, according to Rice Russell of Goodwill, to “wave the magic wand to raise awareness in the community that Ticket to Work is about empowerment.”

For the latest information about CTF, the award recipients and their Ticket to Work-related programs, visit their Web sites at:

- [www.zerodivide.org](http://www.zerodivide.org)
- [www.todec.com](http://www.todec.com)
- [www.msfamiliaunida.org](http://www.msfamiliaunida.org)
- [www.goodwillsocal.org](http://www.goodwillsocal.org)

## Read All About It...Ticket to Work in the News and on the Web!!



[www.lbchamber.com](http://www.lbchamber.com)

The Ticket to Work Program was featured on Page 3 of the Long Beach (CA) Area Chamber of Commerce March/April 2005 Newsletter, *Long Beach Business*. Follow the "Newsletter" link at the top right of the main page to view the full article.



[www.allianceonline.org/publications/Pulse/pulse\\_march\\_2005.pul](http://www.allianceonline.org/publications/Pulse/pulse_march_2005.pul)

Check out the March 2005 edition of *Pulse!* to find information on how nonprofits (as well as for-profits and other community agencies) can access a new stream of unrestricted funding through the Ticket Program.



[www.heath.gwu.edu/newsletter/Issue%2013/Ticket%20to%20Work.htm](http://www.heath.gwu.edu/newsletter/Issue%2013/Ticket%20to%20Work.htm)

Discover how education and training programs may partner with Ticket to Work to serve students with disabilities in the April 2005 edition of the George Washington University HEATH Resource Center's *Information from HEATH* newsletter.



[www.hrms-netassets.net](http://www.hrms-netassets.net)

Visit the "Barriers to Employment" section on the main Web site to read about the National Alliance for Ticket to Work and to learn how workforce development professionals can partner with the Ticket Program.



[www.aamr.org](http://www.aamr.org)

Many thanks to AAMR for prominently featuring the Ticket to Work Program on their Web Site! Please visit the link above for additional information and a wide variety of resources for individuals with disabilities.



[www.nrharural.org/pubs/rurroads/current/ticket.pdf](http://www.nrharural.org/pubs/rurroads/current/ticket.pdf)

View the latest edition of the National Rural Health Association's quarterly newsletter, *Rural Roads*, to learn how healthcare organizations including clinics, medical centers, individual practitioners and hospitals can serve, train, and hire Ticket-Holders.

## Mark Your Calendars...

### Meet MAXIMUS Ticket to Work Staff at the following events:

Event	Dates	Location	Web site
Maryland Workforce Development Conference	6/15 - 6/17	Ellicott City, MD	<a href="http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment">www.dllr.state.md.us/employment</a>
Florida ARC 52nd Annual Convention	6/21 - 6/24	Tampa, FL	<a href="http://www.arcflorida.org">www.arcflorida.org</a>
EN Capitalization Training and Ticket Implementation	6/24	Kansas City, MO	<a href="http://www.yourtickettowork.com">www.yourtickettowork.com</a>
2005 United Cerebral Palsy Annual Conference	6/23 - 6/25	Phoenix, AZ	<a href="http://www.ucp.org">www.ucp.org</a>
Neighborhood Networks 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Training Conference	6/28 - 7/1	Lake Buena Vista, FL	<a href="http://www.neighborhoodnetworks.org">www.neighborhoodnetworks.org</a>
Pennsylvania Community on Transition Conference	7/20 - 7/22	State College, PA	<a href="http://www.paproviders.org">www.paproviders.org</a>
2005 National Urban League Annual Conference	7/27 - 7/31	Washington, DC	<a href="http://www.nul.org">www.nul.org</a>
2005 Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Meeting	8/16 - 8/18	Minneapolis, MN	<a href="http://www.ssa.gov/work/panel">www.ssa.gov/work/panel</a>
Alliance for Full Participation Summit 2005	9/21 - 9/24	Washington, DC	<a href="http://www.afp.org">www.afp.org</a>

For a complete calendar of upcoming events, please visit [www.yourtickettowork.com/calendar](http://www.yourtickettowork.com/calendar).

## Recently Approved Employment Network Providers

Below is a listing of Ticket to Work Program Employment Network providers that have been approved this past quarter. To view a complete directory of Ticket to Work ENs, visit [www.yourtickettowork.com/endir](http://www.yourtickettowork.com/endir).

Agape Helping Hands	Grand Prairie, TX	Job Readiness Training, Inc.	El Dorado, KS
American Youth Resources, Inc.	Norfolk, VA	Light of Life Ministries	Augusta, ME
Arc Broward, Inc.	Sunrise, FL	Linking Services Vocational Program	Fairmont, NC
Aress Academy	Southfield, MI	Mental Health Consumer Concerns, Inc.	Concord, CA
Bexar County Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.	San Antonio, TX	Mission Waco	Waco, TX
Bioflex, Inc.	Columbus, OH	National Distance Education Center	Saint Albans, VT
Blue Gargoyle Community Services	Chicago, IL	North Central Texas Workforce	Arlington, TX
Boardroom Planning Group	Hercules, CA	North-West College	West Covina, CA
Brewster Technology, Inc.	Brewster, NY	Ojedra International	Southfield, MI
Brookhaven College	Farmers Branch, TX	Omniphasic Institute	San Antonio, TX
Brooklyn Workforce Innovations	Brooklyn, NY	Opportunities Industrialization Center of Suffolk, Inc.	Amityville, NY
Byrd & Associates, Inc.	Oakland, CA	Opportunity Foundation, Inc.	Williston, ND
C.H.O.I.C.E.S. for Personal Development	East Orange, NJ	Opportunity Village Arc, Inc.	Las Vegas, NV
California Flowerbulb Company	Oceanside, CA	Peace Be Still Youth Development, Inc.	Opa-Locka, FL
Capt. Dan's Farmstead	Coupeville, WA	Port Charlotte International Church	Port Charlotte, FL
Career Concept Center/Disability Advocate	Encino, CA	Portage Lakes Career Center Adult Workforce Development	Green, OH
Champion Electric, Inc.	Sparks, NV	Progressive Rehabilitation Services	Houston, TX
Change, Inc.	Weirton, WV	Progressive Training Associates, Inc.	Bridgeport, CT
Community Centers, Inc.	Los Angeles, CA	Reach to Your Youth Mentor Project	Philadelphia, PA
Community Resource Development Institute	Jacksonville, FL	Reese-Shiloh Wee Reese Scholarship Fund, Inc.	Henderson, TX
Computer Training Center	Baltimore, MD	Sams Memorial Community Economic Development, Inc.	Darien, GA
East Texas Workforce Development Board	Kilgore, TX	SER Jobs for Progress, Inc.	Houston, TX
Everyday Blessings	Thonotosassa, FL	SER Jobs for Progress, Inc.	Miami, FL
Family First of Central Georgia	Warner Robins, GA	Set Free Counseling Center	Vancouver, WA
Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc.	Uniontown, PA	Skookum Educational Program Services	Port Townsend, WA
First Pentecostal Church of God in Christ	Deltona, FL	Staten Island Employment Education Consortium	Staten Island, NY
Gateway Behavioral Health Services	Darien, GA	Team Management 2000, Inc.	Englewood, NJ
Goodwill Industries of Dallas	Dallas, TX	Texas School for the Deaf	Austin, TX
Goodwill Industries of Houston	Houston, TX	The Arc of San Francisco	San Francisco, CA
Goodwill Industries of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties	Oxnard, CA	The Job Place	Baytown, TX
Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Corporation	New York, NY	Transitional Services for New York, Inc.	Whitestone, NY
Heaven Sent Community Outreach, Inc.	Daytona Beach, FL	Uncle Sam's House, Inc.	Schenectady, NY
Horizons Computer Training, LLC	Toledo, OH	Unity Parenting & Counseling Inc.	Chicago, IL
I.C. Business Support Services, Inc.	Miami, FL	Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida	North Fort Myers, FL
ICJobs	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	Volunteers of America of Florida	Tampa, FL
Individual Career Design	Knoxville, TN	Work, Inc.	Provo, UT
Interview Etiquette	Murray, KY	Xcel Enterprises U, Inc.	Jacksonville, FL
James E. Scott Community Association (J.E.S.C.A.)	Miami, FL	Youth Co-Op, Inc.	Miami, FL

## Ticket to Work Program Additional Information Request Form

Need additional Ticket to Work Program information? Please complete the following form and we will be happy to contact you. Fax this information to **(703) 683-0957** or call us toll-free at **(866) 968-7842 [TDD (866) 733-2967]**, and ask to be connected with a member of the Ticket to Work Marketing Team.



### We Want to Hear From You!

The Ticket to Work Program Marketing Team is pleased to offer this quarterly newsletter, *Inside Ticket*, as a tool to ensure that readers receive word of the most critical Program news, resources, events and statistics.

We welcome your feedback and will be sure to incorporate suggestions into our future outreach efforts.

Please use the comment portion of this form to request additional Program materials and to let us know what you would like to see in future editions of *Inside Ticket*.

Readers may also use this form to enroll in the **Ticket to Work Program Ambassadors Bureau**, an opportunity for Program stakeholders (current ENs, government agencies, community champions, advocates, employers, and Ticket-holders) to share experiences and Promising Practices with the Ticket Program at upcoming conferences and events in your community.

For more information on how to join the Ambassadors Bureau, contact Roger Naoroji, Sr. Marketing Coordinator, at [rogernaoroji@maximus.com](mailto:rogernaoroji@maximus.com) or Rhoda Perrin, EN Specialist, at [rhodaperrin@maximus.com](mailto:rhodaperrin@maximus.com).

**We thank you for your support and look forward to your contributions!**

#### Tell us about yourself/organization:

Name

Title

Organization

Address

Address 2

City, State, Zip

Phone

Fax

Email

Web site

#### I would like to receive specific information on (check all that apply):

- Becoming an Employment Network
- Payment Options
- Supplemental Funding Resources/EN Capitalization
- Current Approved ENs (list geographical area, state, and/or sector)
- Joining Ticket to Work Ambassadors Bureau
- Sharing EN Promising Practices

Comments:

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