

SSI/SSDI/Benefits and Employment for AAC Users

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PRESENTED BY: Leslie Kate Thornton and Julie Kegley



ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

Leslie Kate Thornton works as an advocate for people with disabilities. She has spent the last five years working professionally as a social media content developer. She is a member of Progressive Abilities Support Services, which focuses on building a community dedicated to bringing action to the ideals of equality and equity in our society. She is also involved with I DECIDE GA, an organization which advocates for the rights of those who may be at risk of having their decision-making abilities limited by guardianship. She recently joined the By the Horns staff, providing inclusive outdoor activities for individuals with disabilities, creating a world where adventure knows no limits. She is periodically involved in Community Strong, a support group for fellow disability advocates helping to advance disability rights. By fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie, she strives to create a society that embraces diversity and ensures equal opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their abilities.

Julie Kegley is an attorney and Program Director with the Georgia Advocacy Office. She was born with a severe to profound hearing loss and uses speech to communicate as well as Assistive Technology (AT). She received a bachelor's degree from Auburn University and her law degree from the Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. Her legal career has been dedicated to working for Protection and Advocacy (P & A) Systems to protect and advocate against the abuse and neglect of people with disabilities. Julie has represented people with disabilities working on a wide range of issues from removal of restrictive and unnecessary guardianships, monitoring Section 14c certificate holders, supporting self-advocacy, and representing people with disabilities to obtain home and community-based services and supports.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

This seminar will educate the target audience of adult individuals who use AAC, families, and professionals who support AAC users on the barriers to employment for people who receive SSI and SSDI and how to address those barriers. The audience will hear from an AAC user on how working has affected her SSI benefits.

MODERATED BY: Tina Moreno, M.S., CCC-SLP

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PARTICIPANTS WILL:

1. Characterize strategies for SSI/SSDI recipients to engage in competitive, integrated employment.
2. Define barriers to employment for SSI/SSDI recipients.

TIME ORDERED AGENDA:

- 5 minutes: Introduction of Speakers, USSAAC and topic
- 8 minutes: Personal Story, Leslie Kate Thornton
- 15 minutes: Barriers to employment
- 20 minutes: Strategies to engage in CIE
- 5 minutes: Wrap up
- 7 minutes: Q & A

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Speakers

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Leslie Kate Thornton has no financial disclosures to report.

Julie Kegley has no financial disclosures to report.

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Moderator

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Tina Moreno has no financial disclosures to report.

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Tina Moreno serves on the board of USSAAC

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