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## NEW EMPLOYMENT TOOLS FOR MISSOURI WORKERS AND JOB SEEKERS WITH A DISABILITY

June marks the statewide, public launch of Missouri Disability Benefits 101, <a href="http://mo.db101.org/">http://mo.db101.org/</a>, free health coverage and benefit program tools for Missouri workers and job seekers with a disability.

When employment opportunity knocks at the door, any Missouri resident who relies on Social Security and Medicaid disability benefits now has planning tools to manage their risk, and control their planning process. Young people with disabilities can use the DB101 MO School and Work Calculator to find out how a job can affect their cash benefits and health coverage – and how staying in school with a part-time job can help with careers.

"A lot of Missouri residents already know about the new DB101 tools; we are proud to see them come to life for Missouri residents," says Charles "Chaz" Nickolaus at the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council.

Two user-friendly DB101 Calculators go live on June 1 for young people and adults planning to work, or changing jobs. The planning Calculators can help these Missouri residents get ready for a change in work or benefits, and teach how benefits rules might apply to the user's situation.

The leading Missouri champion sponsoring MO DB101 is the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council.