

Benefits Specialist Questionnaire (Form 5)

Dear Benefits Specialist:

Thank you for filling out this form upon the completion of benefits counseling. Please mark only one answer for each question. If you have questions about this form, please call Martha Porter at (860) 679-4275.

Your name: _____

Date this form completed: _____

Date Benefits Counseling with this client completed: _____

Client Information:

Circle one: Treatment Control Not enrolled

Client UConn ID: _____

Client First Name: _____ Client Last Name: _____

Circle all of this client's program(s): BRS DMR DMHAS No specific program

Other (write in): _____

If someone else attended the Benefits Counseling session/s with the client, please give his/her first and last name, and his/her relationship to the client:

1. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship to client (case manager, friend, job coach, PA, etc): _____

2. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship to client (case manager, friend, job coach, PA, etc): _____

Interviewing information:

Who will the UConn researchers interview? Please circle one – client or family member strongly preferred:

Client

Person 1 listed above

Person 2 listed above

Best phone numbers to reach person to interview: _____

Best times to call: _____

UConn ID: _____

Client Motivation

1. We'd like to know how motivated this person is to earn more money. Using a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being extremely motivated and 0 being not at all motivated, please rate how motivated this person is to earn more money. Please circle only one number.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

not at all motivated

extremely motivated

Future Work Plans

The following is a list of employment goals or changes a person might make in order to increase their earnings. For each one, please indicate if this person is interested in making this change or if it is one of their employment goals. Please mark only one (Yes or No).

Next, for each change this person is interested in making, please rate how likely it is that this person will achieve each goal in the next 12 months: very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely. Please take your best guess, and circle only one choice.

2. Earn more money than he/she is currently making.
- a. Is this part of this person's employment goals, or something he/she is interested in doing?
- 1 Yes
0 No
- b. **If Yes** → How likely is it that this person will do this within the next 12 months?
- 1 Very likely
2 Somewhat likely
3 Not too likely
4 Not at all likely
999 Not applicable – Not an employment goal of this person
3. Add more hours to his/her current job.
- a. Is this part of this person's employment goals, or something he/she is interested in doing?
- 1 Yes
0 No
- b. **If Yes** → How likely is it that this person will do this within the next 12 months?
- 1 Very likely
2 Somewhat likely
3 Not too likely
4 Not at all likely
999 Not applicable – Not an employment goal of this person

4. If this person is interested in earning more money or adding more hours to their current job, how likely is it that this person will tell his/her employer that he/she can now work more hours or earn more pay in the next 12 months?
- 1 Very likely
 - 2 Somewhat likely
 - 3 Not too likely
 - 4 Not at all likely
 - 999 Not applicable – Person is not interested in earning more money or adding more hours
 - 999 Not applicable – Person is not currently working
5. Change his/her job.
- a. Is this part of this person's employment goals, or something he/she is interested in doing?
- 1 Yes
 - 0 No
- b. **If Yes** → How likely is it that this person will do this within the next 12 months?
- 1 Very likely
 - 2 Somewhat likely
 - 3 Not too likely
 - 4 Not at all likely
 - 999 Not applicable – Not an employment goal of this person
6. Add another job (OR get a job, if currently not employed)
- a. Is this part of this person's employment goals, or something he/she is interested in doing?
- 1 Yes
 - 0 No
- b. **If Yes** → How likely is it that this person will do this within the next 12 months?
- 1 Very likely
 - 2 Somewhat likely
 - 3 Not too likely
 - 4 Not at all likely
 - 999 Not applicable – Not an employment goal of this person
7. How likely is it that this person will successfully achieve his/her employment goals within the next 12 months?
- 1 Very likely
 - 2 Somewhat likely
 - 3 Not too likely
 - 4 Not at all likely

8. Did this person mention any work they do “under the table,” that is, work they do for cash that is not reported to the government?

0 No

1 Yes → **If Yes:** Do you think this person is likely to decrease, not change, or increase their income from working under the table in the next 12 months?

1 Decrease

2 Not change

3 Increase

999 Not Applicable – Person does not work “under the table”

9. What do you think are the three greatest challenges this person will have to overcome to achieve his/her employment goals?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Level of Understanding of Benefits

10. Please rate from 0 to 10 this person’s understanding (or, if client will not be interviewed, their support person’s understanding) of **existing SSA work incentives** at the beginning of the Benefits Counseling session and at the end of the Benefits Counseling session.

a. At the beginning of the Benefits Counseling.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
not at all extremely well

b. At the end of the Benefits Counseling.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
not at all extremely well

