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Lauren Parker is the Ticket to Work Coordinator for the *SkillSource* Group, a free and voluntary employment support program for Social Security disability beneficiaries between ages 18 and 64 who want to work. As Coordinator, Ms. Parker provides direct support services to participants and is responsible for program management, reporting and outcomes.

Prior to joining *SkillSource*, Ms. Parker worked for the Fairfax County Department of Family Services as a summer youth employment counselor. Before entering workforce development, she taught abroad for International House World Organization schools in Poland and South Africa and at home for Fairfax County's Adult and Community Education Adult ESOL program.

Ms. Parker holds a B.A. in International Affairs from James Madison University, with minors in Latin American Studies and Political Science. She completed graduate coursework in international development at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, and conducted research in Arusha, Tanzania for her M.A. thesis.

Ms. Parker looks forward to the continued implementation, growth and coordination of the Ticket to Work Program and successfully helping participants reach their employment goals.