

The W's of SSI

TLC Children and Family Services

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Outline

- **The W's of SSI**
 - What is SSI?
 - What kinds of disabilities qualify?
 - Why would you want it?
 - Who can apply?
 - Where do you apply?

What is SSI

SSA has two disability programs: SSI and SSDI



Social Security Disability Income

Title II

- Provides for payment of disability of retirement benefits to individuals who are eligible due to earning work credits.
- These credits are earned when an individual's wages are posted to social security records.
- Provides for payment to certain dependents. This is called auxiliary or survivors benefits and can be payable to a spouse or child off a deceased, disabled, or retired wage earner's account.
- Provides payment to disabled widows who meet specific criteria.
- Your wages determine the amount of your SSDI benefits.

Supplemental Security Income

(SSI)

Title XVI

- Provides for payment to people who are disabled and have limited income/recourses in the following categories:
 - Individuals (including children under age 18)
 - AGED individuals over the age of 65 (disability not required)
- There are no work credits needed to be eligible for this program.
- The Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) for most individual SSI recipients in 2010 is \$674/mo. Your other income may offset these payments.

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SSI – Income Eligibility

- To be eligible for SSI a person must be under the income, resource and asset amount allowed by the federal government. These amounts can be found on ssa.gov at <http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/colafacts.htm>.
- See next slide for a brief break out of the Social Security Disability Income Thresholds and SSI monthly amounts for 2011.

SSI Facts

Social Security Disability Thresholds:		2010	2011
<u>Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)</u>	Non-Blind	\$1,000/mo.	\$1,000/mo.**
	Blind	\$1,640/mo.	\$1,640/mo.*
<u>Trial Work Period (TWP)</u>		\$ 720/mo.	\$ 720/mo.**

<u>SSI Federal Payment Standard:</u>		2010	2011
Individual		\$ 674/mo.	\$ 674/mo.*
Couple		\$1,011/mo.	\$1,011/mo.*

<u>SSI Student Exclusion:</u>		2010	2011
Monthly Limit		\$1,640	\$1,640*
Annual Limit			

* By law, these amounts will be unchanged in 2011 because there is no COLA.

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What Kind of Disabilities Qualify?

SSA law defines disability for children (**birth to 18**):

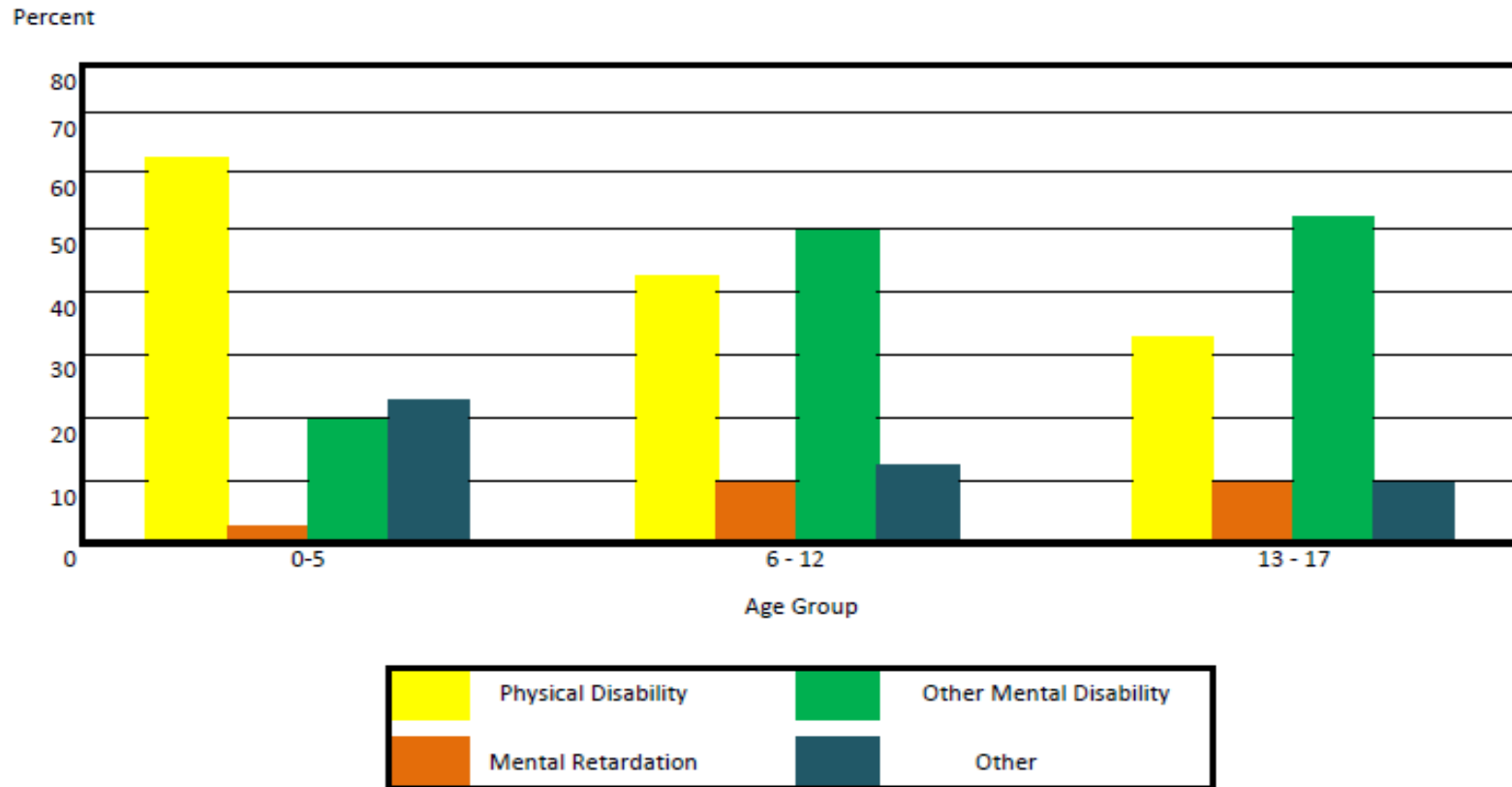
- Proof of a **medically determinable** physical or mental impairment;
- Which results in **marked and severe functional limitations**, and
- Can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.



▪ Listing of conditions can be found at: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityprofessionals/bluebook/general-info.htm>

Top Conditions

Percent of All Children Receiving SSI based on Disability by Age



A Profile of Children with Disability Receiving SSI: Highlights from the National Survey of SSI Children and Families at www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/ssb/v66n2/v66n2p21.html

Potentially Eligible Conditions

- **Physical Health**

- Cystic Fibrosis/Asthma
- Cerebral Palsy
- Heart Conditions



- **Mental Health**

- Organic Brain Syndrome
- Intellectual Disabilities/MR
- ADHD
- Depression/Bipolar
- Personality Disorders/Conduct Disorders
- Anxiety Disorder

Why Would You Want It?

- Benefits to receiving SSI include:
 - **A monthly SSI payment for the child**
 - **Categorical Medicaid eligibility** and
 - For youth who emancipate at age 18 with SSI benefits in place:
 - **Increased financial mobility,**
 - **Cash for housing assistance, transportation services, and supportive technology.**

SSI Payment Levels

California SSI Payment Levels By Living Arrangement				
Federal Code	State Supplement	Federal Benefit Rate	State Supplement Level	Total Payment Levels
A	A	674.00	171.00	845.00
A	B	674.00	412.00	1,086.00
A	C	674.00	255.00	929.00
A	E	674.00	65.00	739.00
A	Z	674.00	0.00	674.00
B	D	449.34	190.32	639.66
D	J	30.00	20.00	50.00

AA = Private Medical Facility or Independent Living w/ cooking facilities

AB = Non Medical Out of Home Care (NMOHC)

AC = Independent Living w/o cooking facilities or transient

AD - Living in Household of Another

AE = Home of a relative

BD = In-kind Support and Maintenance (ISM) - in home of another

DJ = Not FBR but Title XIX Medicaid Facility rate

<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lnx/0501415042#b>

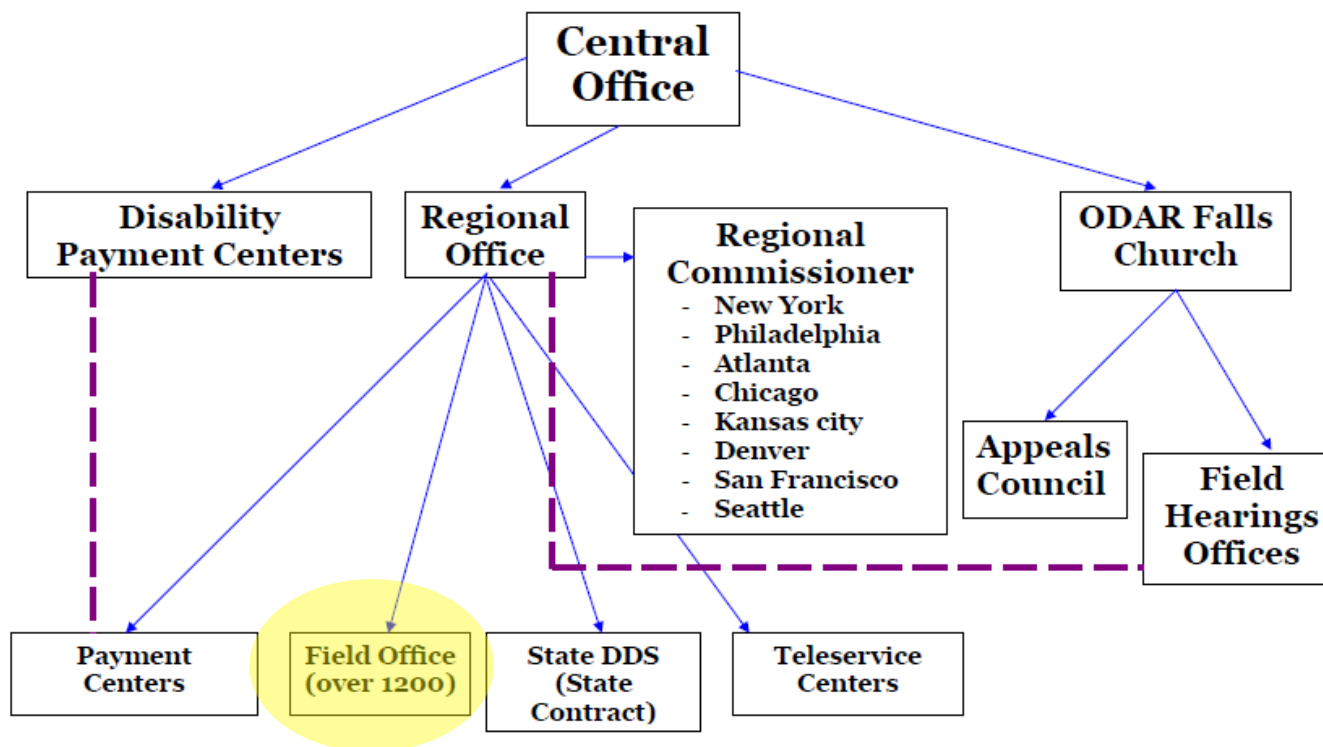
Who Can Apply?

- The custodial parent or legal guardian
- County/State agency with custody
 - Proof of custody is required in form of court order.
- The youth, if over age 18



Where Do You Apply?

SSA Organization

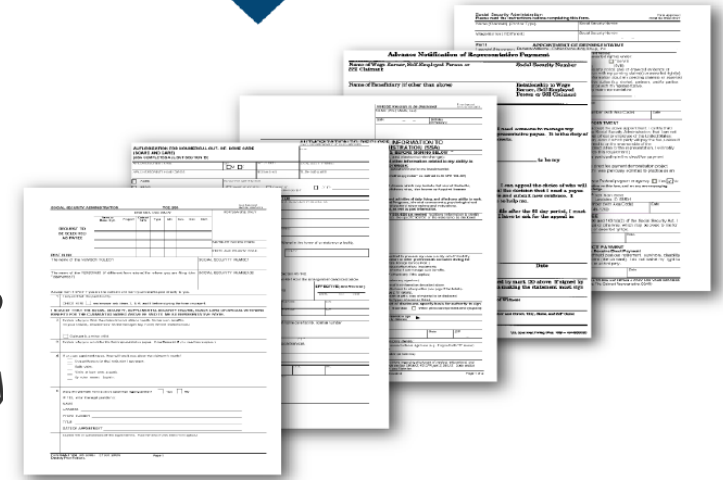


Levels of Adjudication

- **Social Security Adjudication Process:** All applications must be submitted to the SSA office servicing the participant or his/her payee by zip code. The Adjudication Process is broken into four steps:
 - **Initial Application**
 - Disability Determination Service (DDS)
 - **Reconsideration**
 - Disability Determination Service (DDS)
 - **Hearing**
 - Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR)
 - **Appeals Council**
 - Administrative Review in Falls Church, Virginia

SSI Application – Non Medical Eligibility

- Cover Page for all Online claims
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- *SSA-11-BK Request to be Selected as P*
 - *18 year olds will be selected as their own pay unless deemed unable to handle their own finances.*
 - *SSA-787 – Physician’s Statement of Capability to Manage Benefits (if over age 18 and appropriate)*
- *SSA-8000 BK – Application for Benefits*
- *SSA-16 Application for Title II on own work history (18 year old only)*



SSI Forms – Medical Eligibility

- SSA - 827's – *Authorization to Disclose Information to SSA*
- SSA-3820-BK – *Disability Report – Child* or 3368-BK – *Disability Report – Adult*
 - Usually completed on-line, then have on-line cover sheet at top of the claim
- Copy of 3369/821 – *Work History Report* (if applicable)
 - Included in i3368, if done online for those youth approaching age 18
- Function Report (Type dependent on age of individual and source of information)

All Copies of Medical Records – File sorted by source in Chronological order with the most recent on top

The appropriate forms are submitted online to SSA with the remaining paper packet of SSA forms requiring wet signatures and all related documents being mailed to local SSA office.

Disabled Adult Child (DAC) Claims

- There is a process known as the Disabled Adult Child (DAC) application that should be pursued if a child is between the ages of 18-22, has a disabling condition as defined by SSA and is eligible to receive **Title II SSDI** benefits off of a parent's social security record.
- Use similar forms as described for an SSI initial application except no SSA-8000 if no SSI eligibility and an SSA-4 *Title II Application For Child's Insurance Benefits* is needed.

Online Applications

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Child Disability Report - Form 3820 - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/i3820/main.html". The page header includes "Social Security Online" and "www.socialsecurity.gov". The main heading is "Child Disability Report". Below this, there is a section titled "Should You Complete This Report" with the Social Security Administration logo. The text explains that not everyone can complete the report online and lists the questions to be answered. The OMB approval number is 0960-0577, with an expiration date of 09/30/2010. The form includes two radio button questions: "Have you spoken to a Social Security representative?" and "Are you a child filing for yourself?". Below these is the "General Information About the Child" section, which includes fields for the child's name (first, middle initial, and last name), a suffix dropdown, and the child's Social Security number. A checkbox option is provided for "Child does not have one yet". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various open applications and the system clock at 2:55 PM.

Social Security Online
www.socialsecurity.gov

Child Disability Report

Should You Complete This Report

Not everyone will be able to complete a Disability Report online. You must answer all of the following questions to help determine if you should use this Internet Report

The OMB approval number for the Internet Child Disability Report is 0960-0577; expiration date 09/30/2010.

Have you spoken to a Social Security representative? Yes No

Are you a child filing for yourself? Yes No

General Information About the Child

What is the child's name?
Please enter the child's first name, middle initial, and last name

Suffix (if any)

What is the child's Social Security number?
Please enter the child's Social Security Number without dashes.
If the child does not have one, you need to [get one](#) before you can fill out this form online.

Child does not have one yet

Age 18 Applications

- We have found that it is possible to get an adult disability decision on these applications when the following criteria are met:
 - Child turns age 18 prior to final adjudication of the claim
 - Proper form completion and submission occurs and
 - Communicate intent with the servicing SSA office.

Online Resources

- 1. Social Security Administration (SSA)
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>
- 2. SSI Home Page <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/>
- 3. Disability Benefits Overview
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html>
- 4. Childhood Disability Report
<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/i3820/main.html>
- 5. Adult Disability & Work History Report
<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/radr/radr-fe>
- 6. Blue Book (Listing of Impairments)
<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/>

Questions and Discussion

- Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time for more details regarding the material presented today. Main point of contact:

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