



# Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Children



Your child may get monthly SSI payments if they have a disability and your household has limited income and financial resources.



## What You Need to Know

### Social Security's Definition of Disability

Your child must have a developmental, physical, or mental health condition that limits their activities and is expected to last at least one year or result in death.

### How We Decide if Your Child Has a Qualifying Disability

A state agency reviews your child's medical information and makes the medical decision.

We will arrange and pay for an examination or test, if necessary.

We will notify you of the decision by mail in three to six months.

### How to Get More Information and Apply for SSI

Visit our website to learn if your child may qualify. Tell us you want to apply or help someone else apply using the following:

#### Our Website

Visit [www.ssa.gov/ssikids](http://www.ssa.gov/ssikids) to request an appointment to apply. It only takes 5-10 minutes to provide basic information online about you and the child, and no documentation is required.

#### Our Toll-free Number

Call us at **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**) to make an appointment to apply.



### What You Should Do Right Now

If you care for a child who has a disability, contact us right away. We provide free interpreter services upon request. Share this information with your friends and family.