



Child Disability Starter Kit

This kit will help you complete the Child Disability Report at www.ssa.gov/childdisabilityreport and prepare for the child disability interview. It contains:

- ① A **Checklist** of documents and information we will request
- ② An **Optional Worksheet** to help you organize the information from the checklist
- ③ A **Fact Sheet** that answers questions most people ask about applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for children

IMPORTANT: Do not delay filing an application if you do not have or remember all of the information we request. We will help you get any missing information.

- ① **CHECKLIST** – Check off the applicable items below as you get ready to complete the Child Disability Report at www.ssa.gov/childdisabilityreport and prepare for the child disability interview. We need the child’s personal and medical information to determine eligibility for disability payments.

Medical Information

Name, address, and phone number of any doctor, therapist, hospital, and clinic that has seen or treated the child in the past 12 months.

Records in your possession related to the child’s medical conditions. You do not need to ask for or pay healthcare providers for any medical records that you do not have.

List of medicine(s) the child takes and why they take them, if known. For prescription medicines, include the names of the healthcare providers who prescribed them.

Child’s medical assistance number, if any.

Other Information

Names, addresses, and phone numbers of any schools the child attended in the past 12 months, including the names of teachers, psychologists, counselors, and speech and other therapists who have seen or treated the child.

The child’s Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for early intervention services or Individualized Education Program (IEP) for special education services, if the child has one; and any other school records that you may have.

Names, addresses, and phone numbers of any social service programs and the names of caseworkers that have information about the child.

Name, address, and phone number of another adult who helps care for the child and can help us get information, if necessary.

Names, addresses, and phone numbers of any employers the child has had.

An original or certified copy of the child’s birth certificate. If the child was born in another country, we also need proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency.

Names and Social Security Numbers for all the children and adults who live in the household.

Proof of current income for the child and family members living in the household (for example, pay stubs, self-employment tax returns, unemployment or other program benefits, child support).

Proof of resources for the child and parents living in the household (for example, bank account statements, life insurance policies, certificates of deposit, stocks or bonds).

2 **OPTIONAL WORKSHEET** – You can complete this Optional Worksheet to get ready for your interview or as you prepare to complete the Child Disability Report. If you decide to complete it, please have it with you when you start the Child Disability Report or when it is time for your appointment. *If you need more space, use blank sheets of paper.*

PLEASE DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET TO SOCIAL SECURITY. IT IS NOT THE APPLICATION FOR CHILD DISABILITY PAYMENTS.

A. Child's height and weight. _____

B. Name, address, phone number, and relationship of another adult who helps care for the child and can help us get information about the child if necessary.

C. The child's illnesses, injuries, or conditions. _____

D. Date the child's condition(s) began. _____

E. How the child's condition(s) affect the child's activities.

F. The child's current grade, if in school. _____

G. Schools or preschools the child is currently attending, and any other schools the child attended in the last 12 months.

Name	Address, Zip Code, and Phone Number	Dates Attended	Kind(s) of Special Ed. Services (if any)

H. Current or most recent teacher's name(s) and school. _____

I. School testing the child has had, such as tests for behavior or learning problems.

Name or Kind of Test	Date(s)	Name of School

J. Name of any school therapist the child is seeing or has seen (*for example, speech, physical, or occupational*) and the school name.

K. Hospitals, clinics, doctors, or therapists that have seen the child in the last 12 months.

Name	Address, Zip Code, and Phone Number	Date First Seen	Date Last Seen

L. Other agencies or programs that tested or examined the child, or that provided services (*such as Headstart, Early Intervention Services or Special Education, Public or Community Health, Welfare or Social Service Agency, Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Center*).

Name	Address, Zip Code, and Phone Number	Kind of Test or Service	Date(s)

M. List of medicine(s) the child takes and why they take them, if known. Include the names of the healthcare providers who prescribed any prescription medicines.

Name of Medicine	Reason for Medicine	Prescribed By

N. All medical tests the child had or has scheduled for their illnesses, injuries, or conditions. (*For example, hearing test, vision test, IQ testing, blood tests, breathing tests, x-rays.*)

Name of Test	Date(s)	Where Done	Provider Who Sent Child for Test

Remember, you can get started online!
Visit www.ssa.gov/apply for information.

Also, please do not delaying filing an application if you do not have or remember all of the information on this worksheet. We will help you get any missing information.



③ **FACT SHEET:** What You Should Know Before You Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Disability Payments for a Child

How does Social Security decide if a child can get SSI?

Children can get SSI if they meet Social Security's definition of disability for children and if they have little or no income and resources. We also consider the family's household income, resources, and other personal information.

How does Social Security decide if a child is disabled?

Social Security has a strict definition of disability for children.

- The child must have a physical or mental condition(s) that very seriously limits their activities; **and**
- The condition(s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least 1 year or result in death.

A State agency makes the initial determination on disability. They review the information you give us. They will also ask for information from medical and school sources and other people who know about the child.

If the State agency needs more information, they will contact you to arrange an examination or test for the child that we will pay for.

Contacting Social Security

The most convenient way to learn more about benefits for children with disabilities is to scan this QR code or visit www.ssa.gov/ssi. If you do not have access to the internet, call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213**.

If you are more comfortable speaking in a language other than English, we provide free interpreter service in more than 200 languages to help you conduct your Social Security business. For service in Spanish when you call the toll-free number, press 7 and wait for a Spanish-speaking representative to help you. For all other languages, stay on the line and remain silent during our English voice automation prompts until a representative answers. The representative will contact an interpreter to help with your call.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number at **1-800-325-0778**.

How can I get ready for the disability interview?

- This Child Disability Starter Kit includes a checklist and a worksheet to help you gather the information you need. **Have this information with you at the time of the interview.**
- If you have access to the internet, you can fill out a Child Disability Report at www.socialsecurity.gov/childdisabilityreport before your interview. The report usually takes about an hour to complete and collects information about the child's disabling condition and how it affects their ability to function.

Is SSI a medical assistance program?

SSI is not a medical assistance program. Your State Medicaid agency, local health department, social services office, or hospital can help you find your nearest health care agencies. You can also go to www.insurekidsnow.gov or call toll free **1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669)** for more information on your state's health insurance program.

