

Child Disability Checklist

Before applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Disability Benefits for your child, ensure you have the following information and documentation ready for a smooth process. This checklist covers essential details for the application:

1. Medical Information:

- Name, address, and phone number of every healthcare provider (doctor, therapist, hospital, clinic) who has treated the child in the last year.
- Copies of medical records, including dates of visits, treatments, and the child's patient ID number(s).
- List of current medications with details found on medicine containers.
- Child's medical assistance number, if applicable.

2. Education and School Records:

- Names, addresses, and phone numbers of schools attended in the past 12 months.
- Names of teachers, psychologists, counselors, and therapists who have interacted with the child.
- Copy of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for early intervention or Individualized Education Program (IEP) for special education, if available.
- Any relevant school records.

3. Social Services and Support:

- Names, addresses, and phone numbers of social service programs and caseworkers with information about the child.
- Contact information for another adult involved in the child's care who can provide assistance if necessary.

4. Employment History:

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

5. Identification and Citizenship:

- Original or certified copy of the child's birth certificate.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency if the child was born in another country.

6. Household Information:

- Names and Social Security Numbers for all individuals (children and adults) living in the household.

7. Financial Documentation:

- Proof of current income for the child and family members living in the household (e.g., pay stubs, tax returns, benefits, child support).
- Proof of resources for the child and parents in the household (e.g., bank statements, life insurance policies, certificates of deposit, stocks, or bonds).

8. Child Disability Publication Review:

- Familiarize yourself with the disability publication provided, including the checklist and worksheet.
- If possible, complete the Child Disability Report online at www.socialsecurity.gov/childdisabilityreport.

9. Language and Communication Preferences:

- If you're more comfortable in a language other than English, be aware that free interpreter services are available.

10. Contact Information Update:

- Inform Social Security promptly of any changes in your address or telephone number.