

Brief Guideline
Filing for Child SSI

Please visit (learn what SSI is):

<http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/ssi.htm>

Important for you and parents to know:

<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/SSA-1171-KIT.pdf>

Listing of impairments (childhood listings):

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/ChildhoodListings.htm>

Take a look at this page to see the different categories and then read the individual language and “qualifiers” that the SSA will be considering. *Using some of their language in the applications CAN contribute towards a successful application.

Evidentiary requirements (who does the SSA look to as “experts” and who should the client be getting records from?):

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/evidentiary.htm>

Applicant’s rights:

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-apply-ussi.htm>

Forms (see attached and web links below):

Social Security Forms database: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/>

Child disability report (Initial application): <http://www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-3820.pdf>

Disability report-Appeal (2nd attempt- if initial denied):

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ssa-3441.pdf>

Request for reconsideration (3rd round): <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ssa-561.pdf>

In general:

-Best to send in as MUCH documentation from “experts” as possible (make the claimants’ file thick!).

-Best to use the SSA’s language on applications and letters/documents from “experts.”

-Three general levels: 1)initial application; 2) appeal (if initial denied); and 3) request for reconsideration (hearing) (if both previous rounds denied).

-Family/household income matters; BUT- if working with a foster child OR with a child who is TEMPORARILY in the custody of family/ non-family- household income does NOT count!