

Five Things to Know Before Applying for SSI/SSDI Based on Disability

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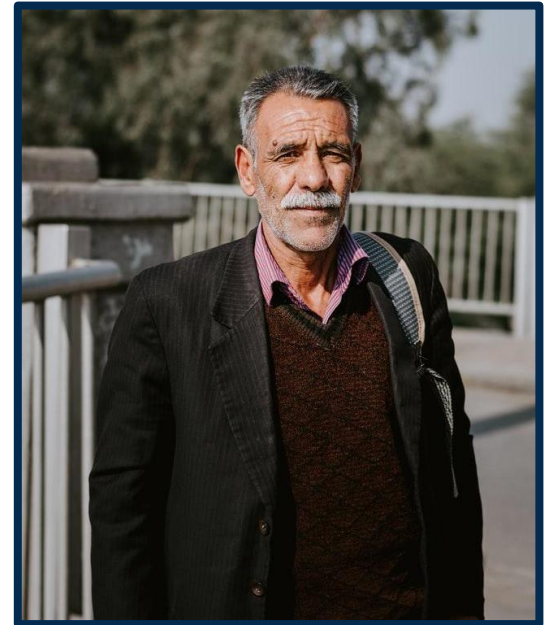


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ABOUT

- **Established in 1977** to meet the legal needs of adults and children with mental health disabilities
- **Serves all of L.A. County** with a physical office located in Koreatown
- **Primary areas of service include** public benefits, fair housing, employment barriers, homelessness prevention, and special education



What Are SSI and SSDI?

- ◆ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is for individuals with limited income and resources who are disabled or over age 65.
- ◆ Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is for individuals with sufficient work history who become disabled and unable to work.
- ◆ Some people receive both SSI and SSDI.

What Does “Disabled” Mean for SSI and SSDI Purposes?

Unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity because of medically determinable physical or mental impairments that are either expected to result in death or have lasted or are expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months.

Key –prevent you from working

Five Things to Know Before Applying for SSI or SSDI

1. Your health conditions must be severe.
2. Your impairments must be expected to last for at least one year.
3. Your health conditions must be supported by medical evidence.
4. Substance use can affect your application.
5. Treatment non-compliance can affect your application.

Thank you!



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