

Increasing access to federal disability benefits

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) are federal benefits that give additional income to those who are unable to work due to a medical, physical and/or mental health impairment that is expected to last one year or more. Advocacy services can help people apply for these federal disability benefits, which are administered by the Social Security Administration.

Social Security Advocacy services

Applying for federal Social Security disability benefits can be challenging. Minnesota Department of Human Services' Social Security Advocates are available to help you file an application, appeal a denied application and make sure that you are applying for all benefits for which you are eligible. Advocates are available in every county in Minnesota, as well as the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

Who is eligible for this service?

Social Security Advocacy Services are available free to children or adults between the ages of birth and 64 who:

- Have a disability which has lasted or will last for 12 months or longer; and
- Live in the state of Minnesota; and
- Are currently homeless or at risk for homelessness.

To find a Social Security advocate who can help, visit Minnesota's [Social Security Advocacy online directory](#), visit the [Disability HUB MN Social Security website](#) or call Disability Hub MN at 1-866-333-2466.

Providing services to those in greatest need

In state fiscal year 2023, with the help of a DHS Social Security Advocate::

- More than 2,400 people applied for SSI, SSDI or both
- 983 people were approved for SSI, SSDI or both
- More than 17 veterans were approved for SSI, SSDI or both.



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