



Disability Benefits Counseling Services

JFS is here to provide information and a personalized approach to help individuals with disabilities that receive SSI or SSDI, and their families navigate government-funded programs. JFS is pleased to offer disability benefits planning services so that cash benefits and health insurance are not lost if you choose to work.

You are eligible for benefits counseling if:

- You are a recipient of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) AND/OR Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) AND/OR
- You are a recipient of state and/or local benefits (DVR connected clients only) AND
- You are not yet over the age of 65

If you would like to learn more about Disability Benefits Counseling services, contact Chloe Piercy at cpiercy@jewishfamilyservice.org or 720.459.3876.

If you require interpretation support, please contact us via text, email, or telephone to let us know your preferred language. Please let us know ahead of time so that we can schedule an interpreter for our meetings.

When to seek a qualified benefit counselor's assistance:

- Prior to seeking employment/education.
- While conducting a job search.
- When working with a Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Counselor.
- Upon obtaining employment.
- If you are currently working and want to know how a raise or increase in hours will affect your benefits.
- Transition-age students and youth (ages 14-24).

Benefits counseling helps you understand:

- What benefits you receive and why.
- Work incentives available when you begin or return to work.
- How earned income impacts cash benefits, public assistance, and health insurance.
- Reporting requirements for each benefit and public assistance program.
- How to save money and build assets for self-sufficiency (e.g., Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) accounts, Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS)).

