

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Address For SSI Benefits:

3715 Towne Blvd.
Franklin, Ohio 45005
1-800-772-1213

Purpose of SSI (Supplemental Security Income):

Provides supplemental income to students with significant disabilities who are not working or who are very low wage earners. Each eligible student is entitled to receive monthly checks. If a student is eligible for SSI, they may also be eligible for Food Stamps or Medicaid. However, the student will need to apply for each program separately.

Eligibility:

To apply as an adult at age 18 for SSI you must:

- Have a physical or mental disability.
- At age 18, eligibility is based on the student's income and resources (not the parent's income).
- This disability must keep you from earning a living wage for at least a year.
- You may not have financial resources or income over a certain dollar amount.

Services:

- Monthly cash benefits
- Likely eligible for Medicaid (medical card)
- Assistance with filing SSI and referrals to other services
- Work Incentive Programs (such as PASS, SEIE)

Application Process and Timeline:

Call 1-800-772-1213 for information or to make an appointment. Apply for SSI after your son or daughter's 18th birthday. The application usually takes 2–4 months. If you are turned down for benefits, please file an appeal within 60 days. Further help with an appeal can be provided through Legal Aide (1-800-582-2682) or other legal organizations. More information about SSI is available online at www.ssa.gov/work

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITY (formally Bureau of Rehabilitation Services)

BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (BVR)

Local Address For OOD Benefits:

Centennial Plaza III
895 Central Ave., 7th floor
Cincinnati, Oh. 45237
1-800-686-3323 or 513-852-3260

Purpose of BVR (Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation):

To help individuals who have a physical, mental or emotional disability get and keep a job.

Eligibility:

Referrals to OOD/BVR can be made once the student reaches transition age (14).

To apply you

- Must have a physical or mental disability that creates a large barrier to getting a job.
- Can benefit from vocational rehabilitation services in terms of employment.
- Require services to prepare for, secure, keep, or regain employment.
- Will be eligible if you are receiving SSI or SSDI because you are an individual with a disability.

Services:

An Individual Plan for Employment will be developed which will list the services needed. They can include:

- Continuing education or specialized training, including books and supplies.
- Tools and equipment, including assistive technology or adaptive devices/low vision aids that enable you to work.
- On-the-job training.
- Job placement and follow-up.
- Vocational assessment and interest surveys.

Application Process and Timeline:

Anyone can call 1-800-686-3323 to make a referral. Once OOD/BVR becomes involved an Individualized Work Rehabilitation Plan will be developed. The final result of services is a job. More information about BVR is available online at <http://ood.ohio.gov/>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITY (formally Bureau of Rehabilitation Services)
BUREAU OF SERVICES FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED (BSVI)

Address For BSVI Benefits:

Centennial Plaza III
895 Central Ave., 7th floor
Cincinnati, Oh. 45237
1-800-686-3323 or 513-651-3309

Purpose of BSVI (Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired)

To help individuals who have low vision and blindness succeed in the workforce.

Eligibility:

Referrals to BSVI are usually made 2 years before the student graduates.
To apply you

- Must have a visual impairment that creates a large barrier to getting a job.
- Can benefit from vocational rehabilitation services in terms of employment.
- Require services to prepare for, secure, keep, or regain employment.

Services:

An Individual Plan for Employment will be developed which will list the services needed. They can include:

- Adaptive communication instruction.
- Mobility instruction.
- Personal living skills training.
- Advice and assistance to families of students who are blind or visually impaired.
- Employment opportunities including job training, vocational counseling.

Application Process and Timeline:

Anyone can call 1-800-686-3323 to make a referral. Usually BSVI becomes involved 2 years before graduation. An Individualized Work Rehabilitation Plan will be developed. The final result of services is a job. More information about BSVI is available online at <http://ood.ohio.gov/>

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (BDD)

Address For Butler County BDD Benefits:

4418 B Lewis Street
Middletown, Ohio 45044
Eligibility office 513-785-4680, Lewis St. office 513-217-2550

Purpose of Butler County DD Benefits

BCDD helps the individual to successfully live, work and learn in the community.

Eligibility:

To apply for services (at age 16 as an adult) you must

- Have a physical, mental or sensory impairment.
- Is likely to continue indefinitely.
- Results in substantial functional limitations in at least areas (as defined through the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument called the OEDI).
- Developmental Disabilities may include traumatic brain injury, seizure disorders, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and orthopedic impairments.

Services:

- Family resource money that can provide respite care and adaptive equipment.
- Family Focus can provide behavioral support, skill training and some counseling services.
- Support Coordination or case management.
- Sheltered workshop, supported living.
- Community employment and job coaching services.
- Eligibility staff can also attend IEP meetings and follow the high school student to smooth the transition from school to the community.
- Recreation and leisure activities.

Application Process and Timeline:

Call Velena at 513-785-4680 for information or to begin the referral/eligibility process. You do not have to use services immediately after you become eligible. However, in times of crisis, services can be provided very quickly if your eligibility has already been completed. Eligibility takes less than 90 days as long as the proper paperwork and records are available. More information about BCDD can be found on their web site at www.butlerdd.org

BUTLER COUNTY WORKFORCE ONE (Job Center)

Address For Butler County Workforce One (Job Center)

Butler County Job Center
4631 Dixie Highway (Rt. 4)
Fairfield Crossing Shopping Center
Fairfield, OH 45014
513-785-6500

Purpose of Butler County Workforce One:

The Job Center provides multiple employment agency services in a one location. It is a “one-stop” where job seekers and employers can access a variety of workforce, educational, and other human services (Butler County Department of Job and Family Services, etc.) under one roof.

Eligibility:

Students age 16 and above are eligible for limited services. Additional services are available at age 18.

- May be related to household income, layoff circumstances, age, disability status, or other specific criteria

Services:

- Career counseling, education and assessment
- Job skills workshops
- Resume assistance
- Career resource room with copier, fax, computer with internet access, books, videos
- Job placement
- Employer services such as applicant pre-screening, on-site interviewing, etc.
- Access multiple agencies which include Butler County Job and Family Services, Jewish Vocational Services, Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Job Corps, Butler Tech and SELF.

Application Process and Timeline:

Call 513-785-6500 to schedule an appointment. Assistance is provided for all paperwork. Post your resume and search for jobs online at ohiomeansjobs.com Each agency may have different application process and timeline to receive their services. Please visit or call the office for a comprehensive list of their services.