



## **Benefits**

**SSI** (Supplemental Security Insurance) makes cash assistance payments to aged, blind and disabled people (including children under 18) who have limited income and resources.

<https://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/>

**SSDI** (Social Security Disability Insurance) provides benefits to disabled or blind individuals who are “insured” by workers’ contributions to the Social Security Trust Fund (The worker must have worked and paid taxes for enough years to be covered under Social Security insurance)

-the worker’s adult child or widower is also eligible to receive SSDI

Some people may be eligible for both SSDI and SSI at the same time

<https://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10029.pdf>

**Medicaid Waiver** -Medicaid waivers make medical funds available for home and community-based services as an alternative to institutional care, including nursing homes and group homes. The overall costs of supporting the individual cannot be more than what institutional care would be. In other words, they provide funds to help families care for their disabled family members in their own home or provide services and supports to people with disabilities so that they can live in a home of their choice.

To learn more about the different types of waivers and their requirements

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/ompp/2549.htm>

[http://www.in.gov/ipas/files/introductionto\\_indiana\\_medicaid\\_waiver.pdf](http://www.in.gov/ipas/files/introductionto_indiana_medicaid_waiver.pdf)

**Bureau of Developmental Disabilities (BDDS)** This government agency is the gateway to **group homes** as well as to the **Family Supports and Community Integration and Habilitation Medicaid Waivers** . You will need to contact them to apply for the Medicaid Waiver or if you are looking for a group home placement.

Info about BDDS services can be found here <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2639.htm>

Contact information for a BDDS near you can be found here <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/4088.htm>

**Area Agency on Aging (AAA)** provides case management, information, and referrals to various services for persons who are aging or developmentally disabled. AAA the place to apply for the **Aged and Disabled and Traumatic Brain Injury Medicaid Waivers**.

To find your local AAA: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/da/3478.htm>

General information about the A&D and TBI waivers

[http://www.fvindiana.org/Files/SS/FS\\_MedicaidWaivers\\_Aged.pdf](http://www.fvindiana.org/Files/SS/FS_MedicaidWaivers_Aged.pdf)

**The Arc of Indiana**- provides information on legislative and administrative efforts related to the waivers.  
[www.arcind.org](http://www.arcind.org)

## **Legal services:**

Indiana Legal Services- Indiana Legal Services (ILS) is a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance to eligible low-income people throughout the state of Indiana.

<http://www.indianalegalservices.org/>

**Evansville:** Serving Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.

*Phone:* (812) 426-1295/ (800) 852-3477

*Intake:* Tues. 11:00 am-1:00 pm;  
Wed. 9:00-11:00 am

**SNAP** provides food assistance to low and no income people and families living in the United States

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/2691.htm>

**TANF** is a program that provides cash assistance and supportive services to assist families with children under age 18, helping them achieve economic self-sufficiency. <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/2684.htm>