

Effective Solutions for Securing Life-Changing Benefits and Needed Revenue

Childhood SSI/SSDI Eligibility, Assessment and Advocacy Services

Children Benefit from Effective SSI Advocacy

Only about six percent of children in the United States who are placed in out-of-home care settings, including foster care, receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or other Social Security benefits, such as Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Tasked with the critical role of protecting, preserving and promoting the health, safety and wellbeing of the children in their care, child welfare agencies face many competing priorities and often do not have the resources to maintain an effective SSI advocacy project. The result is the loss of potential federal revenue that can help offset the high costs of foster care. Worse, many potentially SSI/SSDI-eligible children are not receiving the programmatic and financial resources to which they are entitled.



Snapshot

MAXIMUS streamlines all processes and does things right the first time to help ensure the children we serve get access to the resources they need and deserve. Our SSI eligibility, assessment and advocacy services deliver:

- A complete SSI advocacy project compliant with all Social Security Administration (SSA) Representative Payee regulations
- Dedicated and trained subject matter experts with a primary focus on SSI/SSDI eligibility and advocacy
- Reliable and timely submissions of complete and accurate SSI/SSDI applications
- Thorough screening and review of existing foster care and other out-of-home placement caseloads for potential SSI/SSDI eligibility
- A knowledgeable liaison between SSA/ Disability Determination Service (DDS) and your agency
- Implementation of technology solutions for automated application tracking and case management
- Targeted outreach and engagement with community partners and local agencies
- Comprehensive training programs delivered by SSI/SSDI subject matter experts for agency and community partners staff

Maximize Benefits Through Federal Funds

All youth in foster care deserve to be safe and given the opportunity to heal and grow. MAXIMUS believes that securing Social Security benefits for those who are eligible is a crucial step towards supporting this goal. We share your belief that every foster child who is eligible for SSI and/or SSDI benefits should receive them, and we help agencies like yours access federal funding through SSI (Title XVI) and SSDI (Title II) to help offset the cost of these benefits.

MAXIMUS SSI eligibility, assessment and advocacy experts can assist your agency in gaining both programmatic and financial benefits. When you choose us to implement a comprehensive SSI/SSDI advocacy project, you can expect to see approximately 10 to 15 percent of your foster care population become enrolled into SSI benefits and another 7 percent enrolled into SSDI benefits. Our experienced professionals operate and manage successful SSI advocacy projects across the nation, drawing on decades of experience to create an efficient and effective project that serves as a one-stop shop for SSA benefits. We serve as a valuable resource and partner for your staff, as well as an accountable revenue-generation source for your agency.

SSI Advocacy Can Pay for Itself Through New Revenue Generation

MAXIMUS comprehensive SSI eligibility, assessment and advocacy services focus on gaining eligibility for the full range of child welfare programs, including:

- SSI (Title XVI) and SSDI (Title II)
- Adoption assistance payments, including Title IV-E adoption subsidies
- Federal Medicaid eligibility that follows the child
- Disability income prior to discharge from child welfare care
- TANF diversion for "aging out" or "transitioning" youth

Our goal is to help your agency provide the children in your care with the resources they need and deserve, while operating the SSA advocacy project so that it more than pays for itself through new revenue generation.

MAXIMUS has the ability to generate \$9 to \$10 for every \$1 of SSI advocacy project investment.

Success in Action

The MAXIMUS SSI advocacy project team in Iowa has provided the state with both programmatic and financial results. From the project's inception in 2005 through 2019, we have generated

\$33.6M 
in SSI benefits

for Iowa's children while achieving an

80% application approval rate

– nearly **50%** above the national average for successful SSI approvals.

One Focus, One Source

MAXIMUS has maintained a single focus on government service since 1975. Our dedicated professionals help government agencies provide essential health and human services with an innovative, compassionate approach and deep subject matter expertise. Every process, procedure and project we undertake is focused on delivering high-quality, cost-effective solutions that help government agencies fulfill their missions.