

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 15: Eligibility Section 12: Applying for Social Security Benefits for Children in Out-of-Home Care	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

Children in out-of-home care may be eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Retirement, Survivors, Title II Disability Insurance (RSDI) benefits. These funds may help to provide for their care and promote stability and permanency.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will help with the Social Security application process. DCS uses the Social Security Unit (SSU) to apply for Social Security benefits for children in out-of-home care when appropriate.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [20 CFR 404.350- 20 CFR 404.368 Child's Benefits](#)
- [20 CFR 404.370- 20 CFR 404.374 Parent's Benefits](#)
- [20 CFR 404.390- 20 CFR 404.392 Lump-Sum Death Payment](#)
- [20 CFR 404.730- 20 CFR 404.750 Evidence for Child's and Parent's Benefits](#)
- [20 CFR 416.101- 20 CFR 416.998 Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled](#)