



### 2019 Webinar Series:

#### How to file a Successful Disability Application

**TIME:** 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. MST

**DATES:** January 10, 17, 24, 31; and February 7, & 14 (Series 1)  
March 21, 28; and April 4, 11, 18, & 25 (Series 2)  
May 30; June 6, 13, 20, 27; and July 11 (Series 3)  
August 15, 22, 29; and September 5, 12, & 19 (Series 4)  
October 24, 31; November 7, 14, 21; and December 5 (Series 5)

#### About our Easterseals Colorado Program

Disability Benefits Services' (DBS) mission is to provide comprehensive disability services, including application assistance, training, benefits counseling, and individual placement and support (IPS) employment services for disabled individuals who want to work.

#### The Purpose of our Webinars

Our webinars are designed to help families better understand the SSA's disability programs and navigate the application process throughout the U.S. We have chosen six topics that are relevant to most individuals and families. A brief description of each topic is on the next page.

#### Resources Provided

1. A copy of the slides will be sent prior to each webinar.
2. Video recordings of each webinar are provided to all registered participants.
3. In addition to the Questions & Answers (Q&A) portion of the live webinar, a written Q&A will be provided following each webinar. This has the added benefit of allowing me to further research each question so I can provide accurate and concise information to everyone.

#### Candidates for this Training

Anyone assisting in or preparing for the SSA disability application process, including individuals applying for SSI/SSDI, families of individuals with disabilities, clinicians, case managers, advocates, and staff who provide services to individuals in need of accessing disability benefits.

#### Cost

For individuals, \$30 per webinar or \$150 for all 6 webinars. Group pricing is available for groups of seven or more. Contact Byron Kish at [bkish@eastersealscolorado.org](mailto:bkish@eastersealscolorado.org) for more information. We also appreciate donations as this helps us to sustain our program and services at the lowest possible cost to those we serve.

#### How to Register

Register online at [www.bit.ly/dbswwebinars](http://www.bit.ly/dbswwebinars); or complete the attached form and return by email, fax, or mail. Additional information and directions located on the registration form.

#### Questions

Please email Byron Kish at [bkish@eastersealscolorado.org](mailto:bkish@eastersealscolorado.org) or call (303) 515-1653.

## Webinar Topics

### **The SSA Disability Programs and Process**

- Learn the Social Security Administration's (SSA) definition of disability and its importance
- Emphasizes why working can be good for you and your disability case
- Teaches the similarities and differences between Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Discusses the application process, how & where to apply, and the time frame

### **The SSA Application Forms**

- Teaches how you should complete SSA 3368 Adult Disability Report and SSA 827 Authorization to Release Information
- Teaches how to complete the SSA 821 Work Activity Report and when it's required
- Teaches the importance of the SSA 1696 Appointment of Representative form

### **The Medical Eligibility Criteria**

- Teaches the medical criteria and the five-step determination process
- Teaches how to use this information to explain how a person meets the medical criteria
- Teaches what additional case development can improve the success of an application

### **Transition from Child to Adult Disability**

- Discusses child (SSI) and adult disability (SSI/SSDI) and the transition between them
- Explains the requirements and importance of disabled adult child (DAC) benefits
- Teaches how to plan for disability issues that arise with transition age youth/adults
- Discusses how parents and professionals, including, case workers, teacher, and doctors, can help support a disability application

### **The SSA Work History Report**

- Provides information on how to properly complete the SSA's Work History Report
- Walks you through the report and explains what questions mean in simple terms
- Provides a strategy to answering the Work History report's questions
- Provides important tips in filling out this report

### **The SSA Adult Function Report**

- Walks you through the report and explains what questions mean in simple terms
- Further builds on strategies discussed in the Work History webinar and how to apply them to the Function Report
- Highlights concepts, organization, and strategies particularly important to this form
- Discusses common mistakes and how to avoid them in completing this form

## Presenter

### **Byron J. Kish, Esq., DBS Program Manager & Colorado SOAR State Lead**

Byron Kish is an attorney with over 8 years of experience in the disability field. His past experience has included two years as an Attorney Adviser for the Social Security Administration reviewing Administrative Law Judge decisions and assisting in fraud investigations; 3 years as an SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, & Recovery (SOAR) certified advocate representing clients before the SSA; 2 years as the supervising trainer; and over 2 years as a supervisor and Interim Operations Manager for DBS. In 2017, DBS merged its program into Easterseals Colorado, where Byron currently works as the DBS Program Manager and Colorado SOAR State Lead. In this capacity, he trains and oversees SOAR advocates throughout Colorado, serves as a consulting expert to the national SOAR program, and collaborates with the SSA and DDS to ensure a quality and efficient disability adjudication process. His diverse background will help you understand how the SSA reviews an application, how to advocate for others, and how to avoid the common mistakes made by many advocates and claimants.

## **2019 Webinar Registration Form**

**I would like to attend the following webinars at a cost of \$20 per webinar or \$100 for ALL 6 webinars** (Please contact Byron Kish for group pricing information):

- Series 1       Series 2       Series 3       Series 4       Series 5
- The Disability Programs & Process       The SSA Application Forms  
 The Medical Eligibility Criteria       Transition from Child to Adult Disability  
 The SSA Work History Report       The SSA Adult Function Report  
 All Webinars       I'm attending under Group Pricing

The registration form must be completed along with the registration fee to be confirmed.

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