



# Disability Benefits Services (DBS)

*Solving the Puzzle!*

## Disability Webinar Training

### **UPCOMING WEBINAR SERIES IN 2018:**

March 22 & 29; and April 5, 12, 19, & 26  
May 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28; and July 12  
August 16, 23, 30; and September 6, 13, & 20  
October 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; and December 6

**TIME:** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. MST

**COST:** \$20 per webinar or \$100 for all 6 webinars

## About our Organization

Easterseals Colorado Disability Benefits Services (DBS) is a program established to assist individuals with disabilities access Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Our program's mission is to provide comprehensive disability services, including disability application assistance, training, employment benefits counseling, and individual placement and support (IPS) 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 federal disability programs and navigate the disability 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 available to all registered participants.
3. A copy of the Q&A portion of the webinar will be provided following each webinar. This has the additional benefit of allowing me to further research each question so I can provide more accurate information and to allow participants who were unable to attend the live webinar to still benefit from the Q&A.

## Candidates for this Training

Individuals applying for SSI/SSDI, families of individuals with disabilities, clinicians, case managers, advocates, and staff who provide direct services to individuals who are in need of accessing SSI/SSDI disability benefits.

## Cost

For individuals, \$20 per webinar or \$100 for all 6 webinars. We also offer group pricing if an organization would like to make this available to a group of clients and/or their staff. Please contact Byron Kish at [bkish@eastersealscolorado.org](mailto:bkish@eastersealscolorado.org) for more information.

## How to Register

Contact Byron Kish at (303) 515-1653 or [bkish@eastersealscolorado.org](mailto:bkish@eastersealscolorado.org) for registration information or register online at <http://www.easterseals.com/co/our-programs/dbs/webinar-trainings.html>.

## Webinar Topics

### **The Basics of SSI and SSDI**

- 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 Forms 3368, 827, & 1696**

- Teaches how the SSA uses the SSA 3368 Adult Disability Report to develop your case and what information you should include in this document
- Teaches the importance of the SSA 827 Authorization to Disclose Information to the SSA
- Teaches the importance of the SSA 1696 Appointment of Representative form

### **The Medical Eligibility Criteria**

- Teaches the medical criteria for determining disability
- Examines the SSA's definition of disability and the five-step determination process
- Emphasizes how to develop a stronger case to get approved quicker without an attorney

### **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 reports questions
- Provides important tips in filling out this report

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

- Discusses the importance of the Adult Function Report and how to complete it
- Walks you through the report and explains what questions mean in simple terms
- Highlights concepts particularly important to this form
- Provides organization and strategy to improve your chances of a successful application

### **Transition from Childhood to Adult Disability**

- Compares childhood disability (SSI) with adult disability (SSI/SSDI)
- Discusses the importance of planning for transition age youth
- Explains the importance of disabled adult child (DAC) benefits
- Discusses the application process: how & where to apply
- Discusses the important role of a caseworker or family member in an application

## Presenter

### ***Byron J. Kish, Esq., SOAR State Lead, Advocate, & Trainer***

Byron Kish is an attorney with over 7 years of experience in the disability field. From August 2010 to January 2013, he worked as an Attorney Adviser for the SSA reviewing Administrative Law Judge decisions and assisting in fraud investigations. In June 2013, he began working for Colorado DBS. At DBS, he worked 3 years as an SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, & Recovery (SOAR) certified advocate, 2 years as the supervising trainer, 1.5 years as the supervisor for the Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) grant, and 9 months as the Interim Operations Manager. In 2017, DBS merged its program into Easterseals Colorado, where Byron currently works as a Trainer, Disability Advocate, and as the State Lead for SOAR in Colorado. 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.