



SSA: How to File an Application

Navigation Services



Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

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Jefferson Center Consumers:

Contact the Navigation Program to be connected to a Benefits Specialist for an initial screening appointment if you have been engaging in services internally:

- In this screening appointment, you will be asked about your work, treatment, and medical histories. The benefits clinician will provide education about the application process and timelines. They will also assess for the strength of your case and make recommendations/referrals as to next steps.

General Application Information:

You can apply for disability benefits as soon as you become disabled. If you are ready to apply, you can:

- 1.) Complete your application online at <https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityssi/>; or
- 2.) Call Social Security Administration number at 1-800-772-1213
 - Be prepared to provide Social Security with your identifying information- birthday, name, social security number, mother's maiden name (if known), and state you were born in.
 - Once you are connected to a Social Security tech, you will need to tell them why you are applying for disability. They may ask you about your income/resources; or
- 3.) If you want to apply in person, please call 1-800-772-1213 and make an appointment before you visit your local office.
 - They will schedule an appointment at the closest Social Security office based on the address you provide. They will send you a packet of information for you to complete before the appointment.
 - You will need to bring a birth certificate to this appointment-either an original or certified copy will be accepted. *Photo copied birth certificates will not be accepted.*
 - At your appointment, your worker will discuss with you the Social Security process. It can take 3-5 months to process an application.

Lakewood Social Security Administration Office address:
13151 W. Alameda Pkwy
Lakewood, CO 80228
Toll Free: 1-866-563-9469

Please contact Navigation at 303-432-5130 with any additional questions about the process.

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